

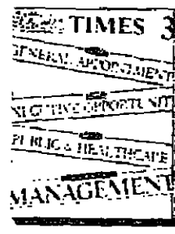
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Honouring Brussels deal 'is a matter of confidence. There is no room for compromise'

Major stifles revolt with election threat

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major appeared last night to have crushed a new Conservative backbench revolt over Europe after threatening a general election if he lost the Bill providing more money for the European Union.

Tory Euro-sceptics were pulling back from rebellion after the Prime Minister made plain to the Commons that he was prepared to put the Government's survival on the line.

Mr Major told his party rebels: "No one should doubt the importance of securing the Bill unchanged and early. There is no room for compromise. It is not an optional measure that can be used as a bargaining counter for other European negotiations. This is an international commitment entered into two years ago with the full support of the Cabinet.

"No British Government would have credibility in international negotiations if it failed to implement the agreements it had freely entered into with its partners abroad." It was, he said, "inescapably a matter of confidence".

Mr Major's pre-emptive strike against the Euro-sceptics overshadowed the opening day of the new parliamentary session and a Queen's Speech that included 13 well-trailed Bills.

His decision to turn the unscathed passage of the European finance Bill into a matter of confidence made it difficult for Tory MPs, but much easier for the opposition parties, to vote against the legislation. Labour and the Liberal Democrats would naturally take any opportunity to vote down the Government.

The threat, reinforced repeatedly by ministers last night, was that Mr Major would seek a dissolution of Parliament if he were defeated. By last night many Tory Euro-sceptics had given up their fight but a handful were questioning whether the threat was real and were still considering whether they would back a Labour amendment tying the budget increase to a crackdown on EU fraud.

Although Mr Major consulted each member of Cabinet before he made his decision, some critics were questioning whether his senior colleagues would allow him to insist to the last that the Bill was a confidence issue if the result would be the fall of the Government.

The rebels will meet next week to decide how to respond to the Prime Minister's threat. Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, tried to leave them in no doubt about the consequences. He said during a Channel 4 interview that any government that could not push through its financial legislation or deliver its international word had lost the confidence of the Commons. The consequence would be that the Prime Minister would seek a dissolution and the Queen would grant it.

James Cran, MP for Beverley, who was one of the leaders of the Maastricht revolt, said he had always taken the view that this was a Bill "that is not worth fighting".

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, told Mr Major in the Commons that if he was treating the Bill as a confidence issue "then life becomes much more difficult for the Government, not less". He mocked Mr Major's action, saying that it had come to something when a Government could secure the passage of its legislation only by threatening its own demise.

Mr Major's tactics, unprecedented in recent political history, increased the sense of bitterness among the diehard Euro-sceptics and on the Right generally. His strongest critics clearly lack sufficient numbers to mount a leadership challenge this month but they remain a constant danger to him in any future Government crises.

A senior rightwing figure said last night: "He can only play this card once."

Mr Major's friends said, however, that it was the only possible issue in the foreseeable future on which he would need to play for such high stakes and that his confrontational ploy was justified.

The Prime Minister was reported to have decided that some sceptics were intent on using the Bill, essentially a straightforward matter fulfilling an international obligation, as an excuse for once again attacking Britain's EU membership.

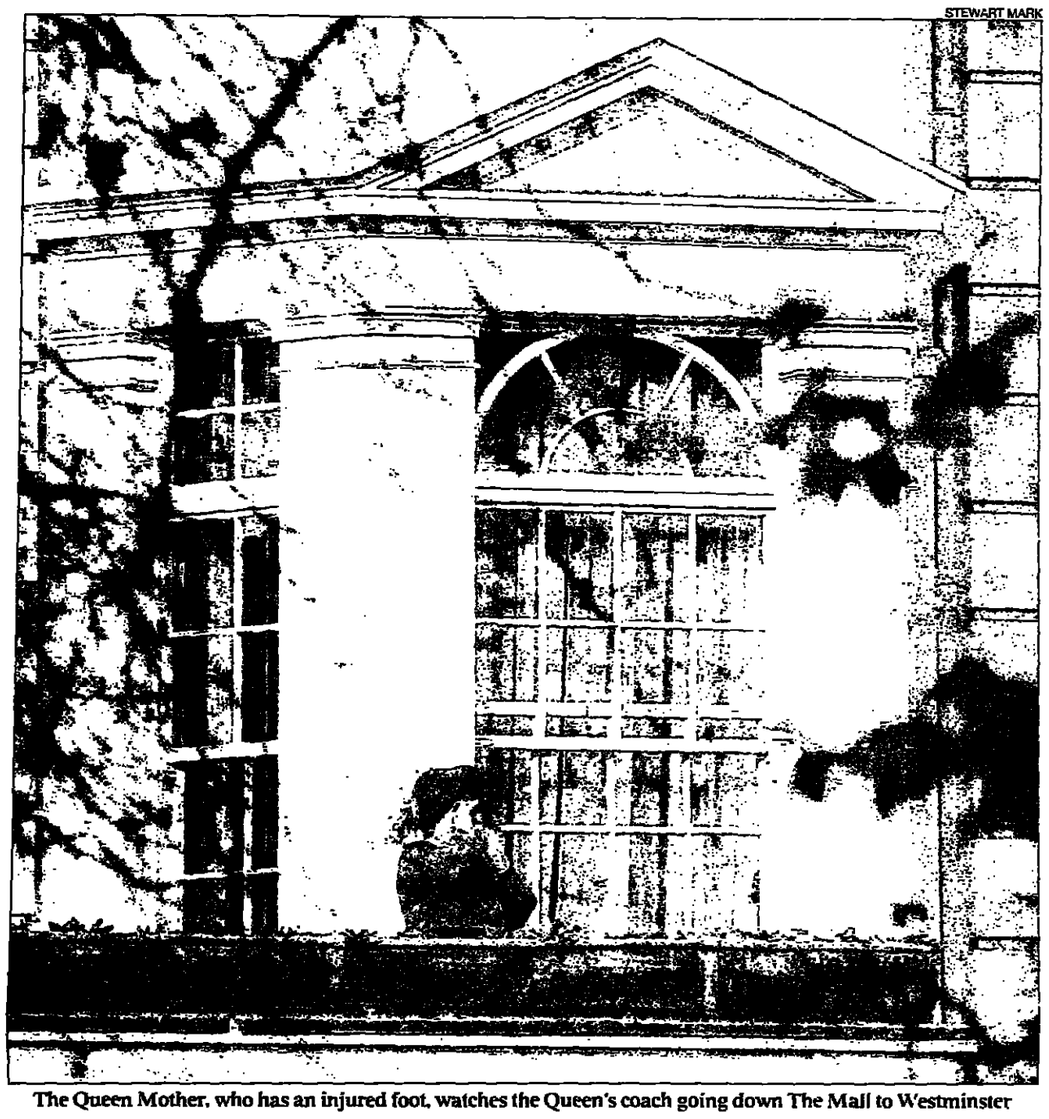
The finance Bill, which increases Britain's contribution to Brussels by £75 million next year, will be pushed through the Commons as swiftly as the Tory whips can manage.

It will be a short measure but Labour intends to table amendments linking increased contributions to reform of the common agricultural policy, tackling fraud and introducing the social chapter in Britain.

While Mr Major and his ministers hailed a "substantial" legislative programme for the year ahead that proved the Government had not run out of steam, the Tory Right were, as expected, bemoaning the lack of radical measures.

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STEWART MARK

The Queen Mother, who has an injured foot, watches the Queen's coach going down The Mall to Westminster

Childcare tax relief expected in Budget

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TAX relief on childcare is being considered by Kenneth Clarke as a Budget "sweetener" to rebuild Tory support among the middle classes.

The Chancellor is looking at options to provide help for working mothers, including vouchers for childcare and allowing tax relief at 20 or 15 per cent. In a separate initiative, he is also believed to be looking at tax breaks for those paying for training courses.

Mr Clarke is anxious to preempt Tony Blair, the Labour leader who is likely to focus on improvements in childcare in his party's welfare reforms. Tax relief on childcare would also help those Middle England families, the group that Labour is most keen to attract.

The plan has run up against opposition bysome ministers who argue that the Government should not encourage women with families away from the home. Critics also argue that the idea would benefit richer couples most and runs counter to the Treasury's efforts to cut tax relief. Those in favour point to an increase in the under fives and the electoral advantages.

Tax relief at the full rate is not a likely runner, given Mr Clarke's caution on the economy. Full tax relief for both double earning families and single working parents would cost the state nearly £2 billion. If tax relief was only given at 15 per cent however, the cost for both groups would fall closer to £900 million.

Mr Clarke is also said to be considering a voucher scheme to introduce nursery provision for all four-year olds. In addition, he is looking at ways to encourage people to take up training courses. Under one plan students would be given tax relief for fee-paying courses.

Irish government falls as Spring leaves coalition

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE government of the Irish Republic collapsed last night, threatening to endanger the Ulster peace process, when Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister, announced that he would vote against Albert Reynolds at the end of a confidence debate in the Irish parliament today.

In a speech to a packed sitting of the Dail the Labour leader brought down the 22-month-old coalition government when he effectively accused Mr Reynolds of lying over his handling of the dispute over a senior legal appointment. He said: "I believe it will be obvious to the House that neither I, nor any of my colleagues, can vote confidence in the government at the conclusion of this debate. All of my Labour colleagues in Cabinet, and all the junior ministers who are members of the Labour Party, will resign from their offices before the vote is taken."



Spring: party will vote against Prime Minister

There are three possible ways forward. Mr Reynolds could ask President Robinson to dissolve the Dail. If she agreed, an election would have to be held within three weeks. President Robinson is entitled to refuse a dissolution, however, which would allow the opposition parties to try to form another coalition.

The third possibility is that Fianna Fail Cabinet ministers could replace Mr Reynolds with another minister who would be acceptable to Mr Spring. There are rumours that Mr Spring would return to the coalition government if that happened.

In his speech, Mr Spring accused the Prime Minister of missing out a vital piece of information in his statement to the Dail on Tuesday when he claimed that he could not offer a "satisfactory or adequate explanation" why there was a seven-month delay in dealing with extradition warrants against Father Brendan Smyth, a priest who abused children.

Labour ministers walked out of Friday's Cabinet meeting after Mr Reynolds overrode their objections and promoted Harry Whelehan from his position as Attorney-General to President of the High Court. Mr Spring strongly opposed Mr Whelehan because his department delayed dealing with nine extradition warrants against the priest.

The Labour leader said that Eoghan Fitzsimons, the new Attorney-General, told him he had informed Mr Reynolds on Monday that Mr Whelehan had missed out a vital detail from his report on the dispute. Mr Spring said: "It was immediately apparent that the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) should have included this vital information in the statement he made to the House yesterday if he wished to give a full explanation of all these events. Had he done so it would have completely altered the thrust of his speech and had a profound effect on the subsequent debate."

Mr Spring's resignation came after Mr Reynolds disclosed the key detail for the first time last night. He said that that Mr Whelehan had been mistaken to say that the Smyth case was the first under a new extradition Act. The former Attorney-General had used that to explain the delay in dealing with the case. In a

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Clarke gets triple boost on economy

BY OUR BUSINESS NEWS STAFF

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, yesterday enjoyed a triple boost from the economy less than two weeks before his Budget speech on November 29. Unemployment fell for the ninth month, inflation appears to be under control, and what seemed a year ago to be a mountain of public debt is declining.

The Government was able to repay £558 million of debt last month, defying City forecasts that it would need to borrow £1.2 billion. This took the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for the first seven months of the tax year, ending in April 1995, to £19.2 billion against £26.4 billion in the same period last year. In the City, it is hoped that Mr Clarke will be able to announce in his Budget a cut in the Treasury's full-year borrowing target of £36 billion.

During October, the number of jobless fell by 45,800 to 2.52 million, 8.9 per cent of the workforce and the lowest since October 1991. Inflation edged up to 2.4 per cent in October from 2.2 per cent, but this was mainly caused by higher mortgage rates after the September 12 half-point rise in interest rates. Underlying inflation, which excludes erratic mortgage payments, was unchanged from September at 2 per cent.

Average rise of earnings during the year to September remained at 3.75 per cent for the fourth month in a row, while unit labour costs were 1.4 per cent down on the third quarter of 1993, the largest annual fall since 1971.

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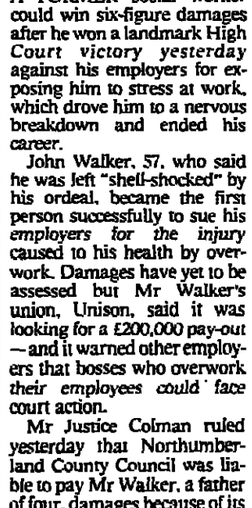
Social worker wins stress at work case

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER social worker could win six-figure damages after he won a landmark High Court victory yesterday against his employers for exposing him to stress at work, which drove him to a nervous breakdown and ended his career.

John Walker, 57, who said he was left "shell-shocked" by his ordeal, became the first person successfully to sue his employers for the injury caused to his health by overwork. Damages have yet to be assessed but Mr Walker's union, Unison, said it was looking for a £200,000 pay-out — and it warned other employers that bosses who overwork their employees could face court action.

Mr Justice Colman ruled yesterday that Northumberland County Council was liable to pay Mr Walker, a father of four, damages because of its unreasonable failure to provide a safe system of work. Lawyers said they believed the case was the first of its kind to succeed, but others are in the pipeline. Mick Antoniw, a partner with Robin Thompson & Partners, who specialise in workers' compensation claims, said it was clear that in certain circumstances workers could bring claims over stress-related illness.



Walker: went back to job after breakdown

Employers had to be on their guard. Claims for stress-related illness brought by trade unions were on the increase "which reflects the growing pressure workers are being put under," he said.

"Employers can't turn round and say, this is nothing to do with us. They have to have regard for the whole of the working environment — not just equipment, or the type of work, but the whole environment which affects the health and well-being of employees."

There has been only one other claim, brought by a civil servant last year, and rejected by the Court of Appeal. Yesterday's ruling is in line with recent health and safety regulations that were placing more emphasis on stress in the workplace, he said.

It would not open the floodgates, however. Each case would be judged on its own facts. "It's not enough just to say you are under pressure and cracking up."

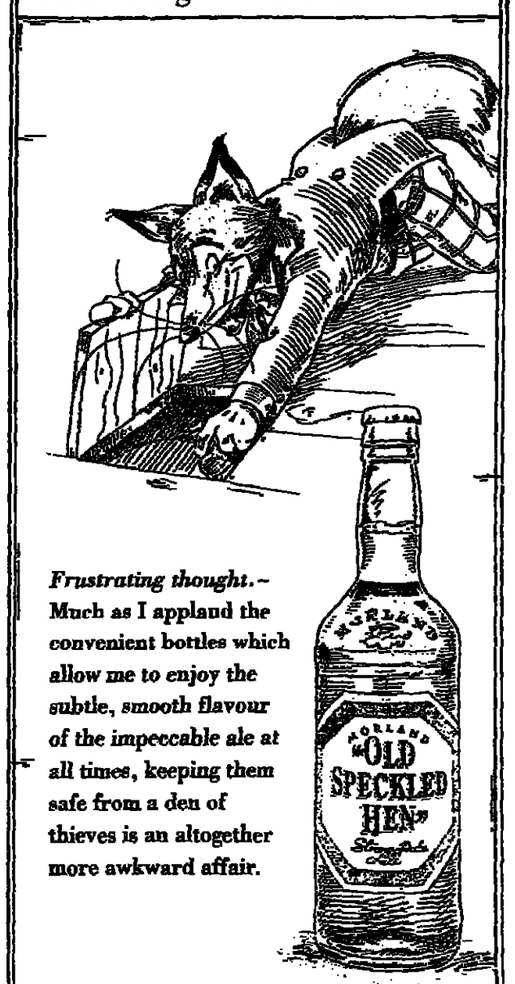
Workers have to show that their illness was caused by stress; and second that their employers were negligent in exposing them to practices that the bosses could have foreseen would lead to illness.

Another laywer, Anthony Cherry of Beachcroft Stanley, said while the implcations of the ruling were digested, employers should keep "a watchful eye on stressful situations in the workplace".

Mr Walker, of Vernon

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No bark and even less bite gives Lucy little cause for thought

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

If you want to know how the debate on the Queen's Speech went, ask Lucy. Lucy, a new parliamentary commentator, has a reputation for political instinct. Lucy is a dog. She found the debate boring. She wanted to go home. So did we.

Lucy has another job besides commentary. In harness, she guides Labour's Health spokesman, David Blunkett. She led her master to his place yesterday afternoon in time for the set-piece debate between Tony Blair and John Major. Blunkett settled down beside Blair, and Lucy lay on the carpet. Her jet black coat looked unusually lustrous and curly, as though permed for the occasion. She closed her eyes, perhaps to concentrate on the measures to be laid before us.

First came Sir Bob Dunn (C, Dartford) who made the opening speech, by tradition reserved (he said) for "a genial old codger". There was general agreement that Sir Bob was an old codger, but some question as to his geniality. He laid into Labour, calling Dennis Skinner a pipsqueak, comparing Tony Blair with a wolf and describing the Thames as designed to keep Essex out of Kent. Lucy lifted her head irritably at these attacks, thought better of her protest, yawned and shut her eyes.

She pricked up her ears to hear the next speaker — by tradition reserved for a young thruster on the Tory benches. At the last election Raymond Robertson (C, Aberdeen S) was the only Tory to reverse a Labour victory at the previous one. Lucy opened one eye in what seemed to be quizzical bemusement as to the secret of Mr Robertson's electoral appeal. As he moved to discuss the virtues of Gas Deregulation, Lucy closed the eye in despair.

Then came Mr Blair. Lucy sat up, stirred by the stirring of interest around her. She managed to stay alert for the first five or six pages of a speech which never quite got going but somehow never seemed to stop.

The new Labour Leader did not make a bad speech, but his failure to make a good one was a palpable disappointment. He sounded hesitant. We had heard it before. Was this all, then, all he was ever going to be?

Blair is, so to speak, the Labour Party's new bridegroom, and yesterday was the homecoming after the honeymoon. "How was it," asks George Eliot, "that in the weeks since her marriage, Dorothea had ... felt with a stifling depression that the large vistas and wide fresh air which she had dreamed of finding in her husband's mind were replaced by anterooms and winding passages which seemed to lead no whither?" Lucy, if not Dorothea, lay down again, closing her eyes.

I cannot say she opened them for Mr Major's speech. Was she listening as he spoke (convincingly) about Northern Ireland?

Did she, like me, note with amusement the PM's report of a visit to a modern British steelworks? "One of the most efficient steelworkers in the world, at Port Talbot". Tory industrial policy has reached its logical conclusion. "Name him!" shouted Skinner.

The speech seemed even longer than Blair's. Mr Major turned to discuss the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill. Lucy fidgetted. The PM moved on to the Children (Scotland) Bill. Lucy placed one paw, pleadingly, on Mr Blunkett's leg. He stroked her muzzle.

The PM began to describe the joys of the Medical Act (Amendment) Bill. Lucy stood up and began pawing desperately at Blunkett's thighs.

Mr Blunkett rose with a light tug on Lucy's harness. All but dragging her master behind him, she was off, tail wagging wildly. The rest of us did not get off so lightly.

Spring quits

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scathing attack on Mr Whelehan, the Prime Minister said that Labour, his junior coalition partner, was right to oppose the appointment of Mr Whelehan as high court president. Mr Reynolds said: "I would have expected that the most senior legal officer of the state would have known of the case of 1992 ... Had my colleagues and I been aware of these facts last week we would not have proposed or supported the nomination of Harry Whelehan."

He added that Mr Whelehan claimed that he had forgotten about the earlier extradition case in 1992. "If the former Attorney-General was still the holder of that office he would in my view of the circumstances have had no option but to resign. He would be honourably accepting responsibility for the fact that his report did not disclose the fact that there had been a previous case."

In a plea to Labour to remain in government, the Prime Minister claimed that their coalition had been a most successful Irish government which had brought peace to Northern Ireland and economic growth.

Mr Reynolds's speech came after the Dail had been adjourned repeatedly as government ministers tried to work out a definitive response over the delay in the Smyth case. At one point it was alleged that a senior member of the Roman Catholic Church had tried to interfere in the extradition of Father Smyth. That prompted Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Primate of All Ireland, to say that the allegation was completely absurd and a total fabrication.

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Catholic Church pledges to prevent child abuse

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Roman Catholic Church in Ireland announced a new code of practice yesterday to stamp out child sexual abuse by priests after a series of cases in recent weeks.

The initiative, announced by the church's bishops at their autumn meeting in Maynooth, Co Kildare, came after a priest convicted of child sex offences provoked this week's political crisis in Dublin.

The church's discomfort was compounded when another priest was found guilty in Dublin of assaulting a teenage hitch-hiker and a 68-year-old priest collapsed and died in a gay nightclub in Dublin. In a statement yesterday the bishops said: "Child sex abuse by a priest is especially heinous not only because it is evil in itself but because it is the violation of a sacred trust ... We, like others, are coming to realise more fully the complexity of this problem and the enormity of the suffering and damage it causes."

They added that the trust a child placed in a priest was grievously damaged by sexual abuse. "We recognise that these children and their families have been hurt and betrayed by abusive behaviour on the part of a priest. They deserve an apology which we unreservedly offer."

The bishops said they were determined to prevent sexual abuse. A committee established by the Bishops' Conference announced a five-point code, including a pledge to speed the church's response to complaints of abuse and more help for victims. The move by the bishops came after Dick Spring, the Labour leader and Deputy Prime Minister, walked out of Cabinet last Friday because of a delay in dealing with extradition warrants from the RUC against Fr Brendan Smyth, who sexually assaulted children.

Fr Smyth, 67, a Norbertine Order priest, was convicted in Northern Ireland last June of sexual offences against young children. At Belfast Crown Court his barrister described him as a "fixated paedophile". He was jailed for four years for the offences committed against five girls and three boys between 1964 and 1988.

The children, who were aged eight to 14, were abused at their homes or in orphanages. There are also allegations that he assaulted children in the Irish Republic while he served as chaplain at Tralee General Hospital between 1990 and 1993.

The church faces a difficult task as it tries to improve its tarnished image. It is still reeling from one of the biggest ecclesiastical scandals of the century in 1992 when Dr Eamonn Casey, the Bishop of Galway, was found to have a son by a mistress.

Earlier this week a priest was given a 15-month suspended sentence in Dublin for sexually assaulting a male hitch-hiker. Father Michael Carney, a former parish priest in Co Galway, admitted sexually assaulting the 18-year-old student in June last year.

Last weekend another priest collapsed and died in a gay nightclub in Dublin after suffering a suspected heart attack. Two priests, who were drinking in the Incognito Sauna Club at the time, administered the last rites to Fr Liam Cosgrove, 68, who had been there for seven hours.

Coalition was fraught from the start

BY OUR IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE political crisis in Dublin is the culmination of squabbles that have plagued Ireland's coalition government since it was formed in January 1993.

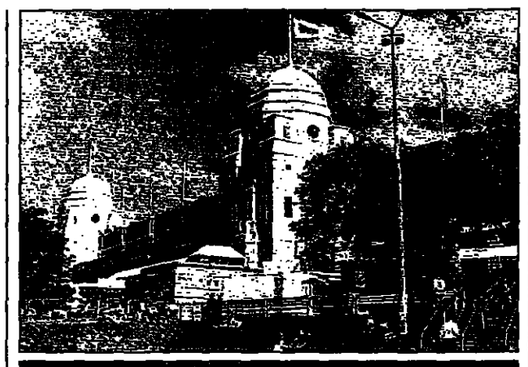
Fianna Fail, the senior partner, regards itself as Ireland's natural governing party and feels uncomfortable with having to be in coalition. Labour, which won a historic 19 per cent in the last election in November 1992, is equally unhappy that it has to share power with its conservative opponents.

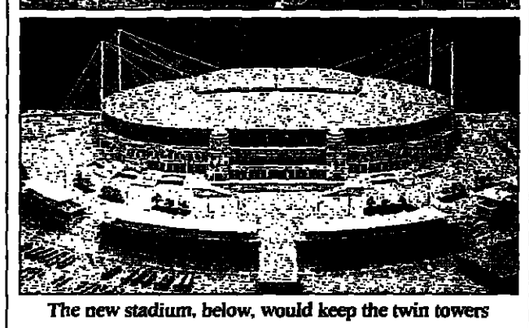
The first signs that the government, which has the largest majority in Irish history, could collapse came in September when Albert Reynolds, the Taoiseach, announced his support for Harry Whelehan as president of the High Court. Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister and Labour leader, is strongly opposed to Mr Whelehan because he is regarded as too conservative on social issues and because his department delayed dealing with an extradition warrant from the RUC for a priest, Brendan Smyth, who committed paedophile offences.

On 24 September the Taoiseach, who was on a visit to Australia, was told that Labour was prepared to leave government over the issue. In early October, the battle lines were drawn when the Taoiseach said that Mr Whelehan was the only nominee for the post.

The dispute came to a head last Friday when Mr Spring walked out of Cabinet after Mr Reynolds overrode his objections and nominated Mr Whelehan.

☐ Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, arrives in London today for a 48-hour visit, his first since the Government lifted the exclusion order. His first engagement will be a press conference in the Palace of Westminster. It is believed his visit to Parliament is being hosted by Tony Benn, MP for Chesterfield.





The new stadium, below, would keep the twin towers

Wembley pitched into planning controversy

BY JOHN YOUNG

ENGLISH Heritage took the unusual step yesterday of approving the demolition and reconstruction of Wembley Stadium without the consent of the owner.

The proposals for an all-weather 100,000-seat venue with a retractable roof were submitted by Genesis Consortium, which has made two takeover bids for the debt-laden stadium in London.

The owner, Wembley plc, said it was surprised that English Heritage had commented on the application: "We have nothing to do with this whatsoever, and we regard the proposals as totally unrealistic." English Heritage said it wanted to provide guidance to present or future owners on what would be an important scheme.

Genesis, which includes John Laing Construction, said: "We will now tidy up our design and resubmit it, and we will be happy to work with whoever owns and controls the stadium."

'Stress' case

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Drive, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, who joined the authority in 1965, accused his bosses of subjecting him to "an impossible workload" in his role as area manager responsible for social services in the Blyth Valley area.

In 1986 he suffered a nervous breakdown but returned to work the following year when he was again exposed to excessive workloads. He eventually retired on medical grounds in May 1988 after a second nervous breakdown.

The court was told Mr Walker's illness was caused not so much by his hours as by the increase in his workload.

The population of Blyth Valley had risen from 65,000 to 80,000 while he was responsible for social services and there was a corresponding increase in social work cases such as child abuse.

The judge said: "It [the authority] chose to continue to employ him, but provided no effective help. In so doing, it was in my judgment acting unreasonably and therefore in breach of its duty of care." The council is to appeal.

Roger Poole, Unison's assistant general secretary, said the "tremendous victory" would help "many millions of workers" who risked becoming the victims of stress caused by overwork.

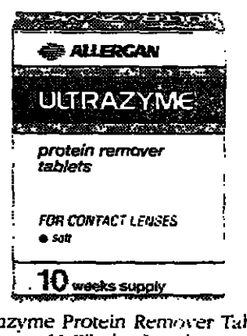
"We will take employers to court where we find they are abusing workers' health by loading them with an unacceptable amount of work," he said.

Alan Jinkinson, Unison's general secretary, said: "This ruling is a warning to employers that they can no longer expect their staff to pay for their health while struggling to provide under-funded, under-resourced services."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ministry may trace hepatitis C victims

The Department of Health is considering tracing and counselling every person who may have been infected with the hepatitis C virus through contaminated blood products. The move follows this week's disclosure of the deaths of 12 haemophiliacs from the virus last year. Records show that about 3,000 haemophiliacs who began treatment before 1985, when the method of producing clotting factors meant they were almost certainly infected, are still alive. A similar number of non-haemophiliacs may have contracted hepatitis C from blood transfusions.

£88 for RAF mother

A former RAF corporal was awarded £88 from the Defence Ministry yesterday in the latest case of ex-servicewomen claiming compensation for being dismissed over pregnancy. Michelle Bryden, 33, who served for six years, was told she was entitled only to £88 because she was dismissed after she had given notice of her resignation.

Labour whip collapses

Derek Foster, Labour's Chief Whip, was taken to hospital yesterday after collapsing at Westminster. Tony Blair later told MPs at the start of the debate on the Queen's Speech that Mr Foster's condition was stable and "not a cause for alarm". Mr Foster, 57, MP for Bishop Auckland, had complained of dizziness and fell in a Commons tea-room.

Council errors cost £5m

Recent mistakes and incompetence by Liverpool councillors and officers have cost the city £5.2 million and are still rife, according to a report to be discussed at an emergency council committee meeting tonight. The report, by Alison Jones, the district auditor, highlights a loss-making council contract to install cable for television to 125,000 homes.

Police inquiry cleared

Police officers will not face charges over their investigation of the murder of Alison Shaughnessy, a 21-year-old south London bank clerk, which led to the conviction and later release on appeal of Michelle and Lisa Taylor, the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday. The sisters had complained that police had suppressed evidence.

Murder trial halted

The trial of Thomas Bourke, 32, accused of murdering two MoT inspectors, was halted yesterday. Mr Bourke denies shooting the men at one of his garages in Stockport last year. The jury at Manchester Crown Court were sent home after one day. Mr Justice Sachs ruled that the trial must begin again next week with a new jury.

Insurer shuns car

Norwich Union is refusing to insure new Range Rovers because the car's high-technology security system has failed the insurer's tests. The company is telling owners to fit anti-theft devices costing at least £250. Land Rover said that it was baffled by the decision.

£5m forecast for first jackpot on National Lottery

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE jackpot in Saturday's inaugural National Lottery draw is almost certain to reach £5 million and could go even higher on the back of an unforeseen scramble to buy tickets.

Sales had reached £20 million by yesterday afternoon and more than 10 million people are believed to have played so far.

The rush to buy tickets has staggered Camelot, the operator, which had conservatively estimated a jackpot of £2 million. There is no cap to the jackpot and it could continue to swell if ticket sales continue at the present rate. About one seventh of total sales are set aside for the top prize, meaning that sales of £35 million will generate a jackpot of about £5 million.

Punters spent £50,000 on tickets in the first 12 minutes after lottery terminals went live on Monday. Camelot's central computer can accept entries until about half an hour before the draw.

The jackpot can roll over for a maximum of three weeks if the six winning numbers fail to produce a winner. That raises the prospect of a top prize approaching £20 million on the latest projections.

The figures were released last night as new research suggested that the lottery would divert £2 billion a year away from consumer spending on everyday treats such as sweets, snacks, magazines, cigarettes and drinking in public houses. Shopping patterns are also likely to alter with more men than usual making the weekly family trip to the supermarket to enable them to pick up their lottery ticket with the groceries.

Fiona Stewart, director of the Henley Centre, the independent organisation that carried out the research, said long-term savings in banks and building societies and in life assurance and pensions policies and spending on essential items such as food were not likely to suffer from lottery ticket sales.

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Former wife accuses Queen's equerry of marital violence

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE former wife of an equerry to the Queen claimed yesterday during a drink-drive case against her that she had endured years of marital violence.

Diana, Lady Loram, admitted two charges of failing to give breath samples to police but told magistrates that she blamed her behaviour on six years of abuse from Vice-Admiral Sir David Loram. She claimed she had been dissuaded from taking legal action because her husband worked for the Palace.

The couple separated in 1989, after six years of marriage, and are divorced. Sir David, who retired as Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in 1980, is an extra gentleman usher to the Queen, an honorary post that involves minor duties at garden parties and other ceremonial occasions.

After magistrates at South Molton, Devon, imposed a year's driving ban and a £250 fine on Lady Loram, she insisted on addressing them. "I live on my own. I am five miles from the nearest town. How do I cope? It's an impossibility. I've lived apart for four solid years, without income and with an enormous mortgage. My husband used to hit me around the head, but because he worked for the Palace there was pressure not to take him to court."

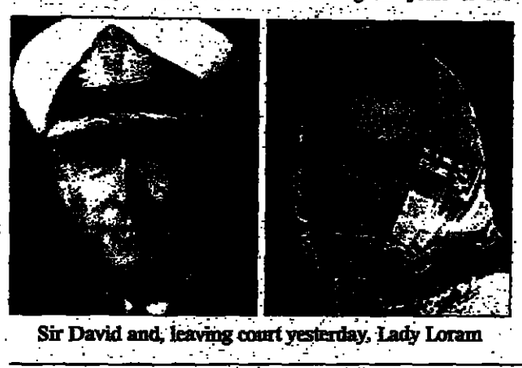
Sir David, who was not in court, said later: "I totally refute what she says. It is absolute nonsense. I don't want to go into what she did to me during the years of our marriage; it would be just one person's word against another.

"I could say all sorts of things. If my ex-wife chooses to bring these matters up in her defence, that is up to her. Diana's behaviour has been strange, to say the least. I am terribly sorry that she is unhappy."

The court was told that Lady Loram had installed a tenant in the couple's former home, The Old Vicarage at the Exmoor village of West Anstey, and had put it on the market for £400,000.

Last night a former neighbour, Elizabeth Burton, said: "David is a charming, lovely man. He did an enormous amount for the church and the village and we were all terribly sorry to see him go. He was the one who had to do all the menial jobs in the house. His main job seemed to be following her dogs around with a pooper-scoop. It's incredible when you think what he did for this country."

Tony Creech, for the prosecution, told the court that police were called after Lady Loram had visited her leased house and were later called again after a complaint from a neighbour she had visited by car. She refused to take a breath test and and was taken to Barnstaple police station, where again she refused.



Sir David and, leaving court yesterday, Lady Loram



ANTHONY UFTON

Marie Rendle, Samantha Stansby, Joanna Willis, Emma Hartley, the survivors, outside court. They will not be called to give evidence

Canoe trip survivor recalls vain struggle

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A SURVIVOR of the Lyme Bay canoe tragedy described how four of her friends struggled in vain to remain alive after losing their canoes.

Emma Hartley, now 18, sat in the public gallery of Winchester Crown Court as a 19-page statement she had given to police two days after the tragedy was read to the court. With her were the three others who survived, Samantha Stansby, Joanna Willis and Marie Rendle, and the parents of the four who died, Dean Sayer, 17, Claire Langley, Rachel Walker, and Simon Dunne, all 16. Miss Hartley said that problems started almost immediately after they set off from Lyme Regis with Norman Pointer, 50, a teacher, and two novice instructors, Tony Mann, 23, and Karen Gardner, 21.

Peter Kite, 44, managing director of Active Learning and Leisure, Joseph Stoddart, 53, manager of Lyme Regis Challenge Centre, and OLL Ltd have denied four charges each of manslaughter and gross negligence by failing to provide reasonable care, adequate equipment and staffing.

Miss Hartley said that after drifting helplessly they bunched together in their canoes to form a raft. "The waves became large. They were about head height and they were knocking us about ... A fishing boat came by and those of us with whistles on our lifejackets blew them. We thought another boat was coming towards us. We were cheering and were happy but it just went past.

"Everyone was asking where the rescue boat was. I heard someone praying out loud. Dean Sayer said he wished he had gone to church. Rachel wanted her mum and Claire said she could not hold on." Miss Hartley's statement said. Dean Sayer's canoe began filling with water. "He got into the water but managed to get back into his canoe. The waves were moving us towards the cliffs. I thought we would reach them and be able to get out."

None of the four teenage survivors will be giving evidence after both counsel agreed it would place too much stress on them. Mr Justice Ognall said he wished to acknowledge the "commendable humanity and responsibility" of counsel in sparing them from reliving their ordeal. The trial continues.

Constituent says MP behaved like a toad

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TORY whip was accused yesterday of being a toad after allegedly dismissing a distraught constituent who said she felt like throwing herself from a window.

Karola Crouch had tearfully complained to David Lightbown, a senior whip, about the stress caused by a Child Support Agency order. Ms Lightbown, MP for Staffordshire South East, allegedly replied: "I can't be doing with people who show such emotions. If you're going to jump out of a window, jump out of your own window at home and not mine."

Mrs Crouch and her husband Phil, of Tamworth, have written to Conservative Central Office to complain. Mr Crouch, who has been ordered to pay an extra £100 a week to his former wife, said: "I couldn't believe he spoke to my wife like that. I will never vote for that toad for the rest of my life. My wife has had suicidal thoughts ... How can any self-respecting human being say such a cruel remark?"

Mrs Crouch said: "We are on the verge of bankruptcy and things had gone too far so we decided to see if he could help us. But when we came out I felt twice as bad." The MP was not available for comment last night.

Woman tells jury of electrocution attempt in bath

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WIFE told a court yesterday how her husband tried to electrocute her in the bath days after she found love bites on his neck.

Sheena Easson, 32, said she found wires attached to the metal leg of her bath going through a hole drilled in the wall. She heard a sharp crack and a strong smell "like a cap gun makes" but thought it was a light bulb exploding.

In tears, Mrs Easson told the High Court in Glasgow: "I thought he was trying to kill me." Earlier she said her marriage was unhappy and that her husband had a girlfriend.

After discovering the wires, she said she tried to keep calm so that her husband would not know she had discovered his plot to kill her. She had then telephoned the police to alert them.

William Easson, 38, denies forming a criminal purpose to electrocute his wife, a nurse, at their home in Symington, Strathclyde, 11 months ago.

The prosecution claims he connected a wire from the fuse box in their council house to the leg of the bath and switched on the power while his wife was in it.

She told Ann Paton, advocate depute, that she had previously left her husband, an unemployed council driver. He had been violent towards her and often threatened to kill her, she claimed.

But she told Mrs Paton that she had returned to him because her life had no purpose without her children. Her husband, she said, had promised to change, but ten days before the alleged attempt on her life, he stayed out most of the night and returned with love bites on his neck.

She said: "It was his birthday and the children were waiting to give him his presents, but he didn't return until 3.45am."

Mrs Easson eventually found out that his girlfriend was a local woman. Days later he asked her if she wanted a bath, which she thought odd because they were not talking.

She said she ran a bath and heard a plug going into a socket next door in the kitchen. The next day she went for a bath and noticed that the paintwork on the skirting board had been disturbed and there was a hole in the wall.

Behind the panel of the bath she found an electric cable with the copper wire wound round a bath leg. She said: "I started shaking. I thought he had tried to kill me."

Mrs Easson said she tried to keep composed before making an excuse and leaving the house to summon the police.

The trial continues today.

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



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JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH GETS THE EUROSTAR TREATMENT IN

WEEKEND

JANE MACQUITTY'S TOP 20 WINES IN THE

MAGAZINE

Terrified thief seeks refuge with police

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CAR thief ran into a police station and asked to be arrested to protect him from the irate car owner who had chased him for half a mile.

The 25-year-old joyrider took the Ford Fiesta from outside a Chinese takeaway after the motorist left the keys in the ignition but it stalled as he drove away and the owner soon caught up with him. He abandoned the car in Sunderland city centre and fled, with the burly 19-year-old owner in pursuit.

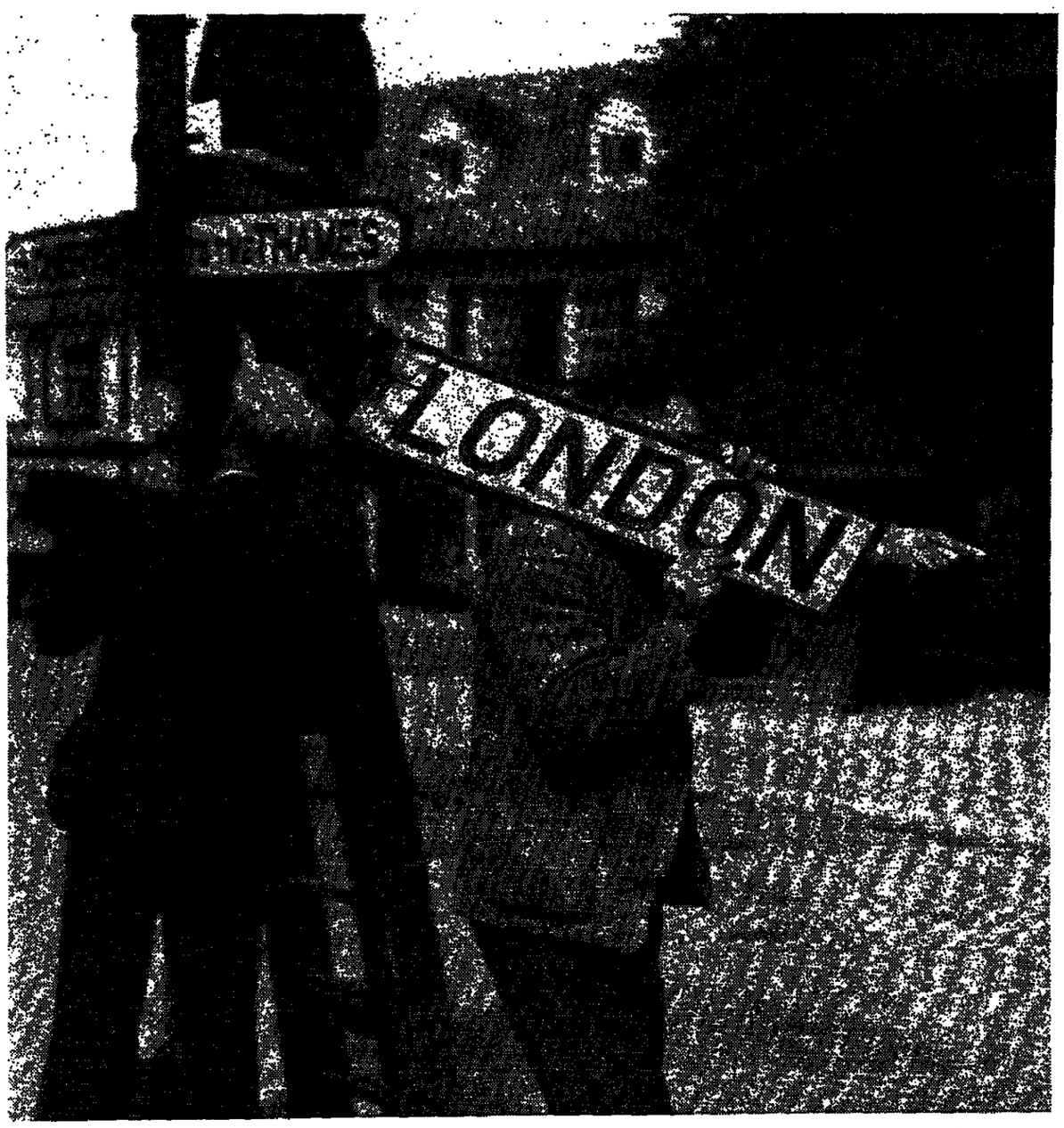
When the thief ran out of breath and failed to shake off his pursuer, he sought refuge in Gilbridge Avenue police station and asked to be taken into custody.

The police officer who was on duty said: "It was a sight to behold. He dashed in and gave himself up rather than face the large motorist who had been chasing him. He begged us to arrest him and we were more than happy to oblige."

The man was charged and bailed to appear before Sunderland magistrates next month.

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Couple who bought Romanian baby freed from jail term

FROM SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST

THE British couple convicted of buying and attempting to smuggle a baby out of Romania had their jail sentences suspended yesterday by a Bucharest appeal court.

But Adrian and Bernadette Mooney, arrested last July when police found a five-month-old girl concealed in their car, might not be allowed home for another 12 days, it emerged.

The court cut the couple's sentence from 28 months to two years, suspended it and ordered them to leave the country. Technically, the prosecution has almost a fortnight in which to appeal.

However, the Mooneys, from Wokingham, Berkshire, already had the assurance of Ion Iliescu, the Romanian President, that he would grant a pardon and send the couple home if yesterday's ruling went against them.

As he was driven away from the court yesterday Mr Mooney said: "We are very happy and glad to be going back. It has been a long time for us to be here and we are looking forward to being with our relatives again."

Viorel Pascu, the couple's lawyer, commented: "Justice has been done. This is the correct sentence."

The teenaged, unmarried gypsy parents who sold their child to the Mooneys also had their jail terms suspended. The local middleman and two accomplices had their 32-month prison terms shortened to two years and 18 months respectively.

British Embassy officials were last night trying to discover whether the couple would be forced to remain in the country for another 12 days, despite the unlikelihood of an appeal.

The Mooneys were the first foreigners prosecuted under tough new adoption laws introduced in 1991 to halt a wave of baby smuggling after the 1989 anti-communist revolution exposed the plight of tens of thousands of Romanian orphans. They had paid the middlemen £4,000 for baby Monica Baiaram, whom they tried to smuggle across the Romanian-Hungarian border without proper papers.

Viorel Pos, the appeal court president, said after the verdict: "The case was not too difficult to decide and the fact that the Mooneys already have adopted a Romanian child influenced our decision. Ion Iliescu's announcement in London recently that he would pardon them has not influenced the court's decision."

In their defence, the Mooneys said that they did not know that they were breaking Romanian adoption laws and apologised to the state prosecutors for what they had done.

The British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering said the Mooneys' experience should serve as a lesson to other couples thinking of going abroad to adopt a child.

ANDREI ILIESCU



Relief shows on the face of Adrian Mooney yesterday as he and his wife Bernadette hear the ruling of the Bucharest appeal court

Anguish and pain on the road to Bucharest

BY BILL FROST

ADRIAN and Bernadette Mooney took a risk they knew could cost them their freedom when they were shown last July to a run-down apartment in Bucharest, where they paid £4,000 for Monica Baiaram, the unwanted child of a teenage gypsy couple.

Days later the Mooneys were followed to the Hungarian border and arrested. Police found Monica wrapped in a blanket in a cardboard box in the back of the car.

Between the 1989 revolution and July 1992 about 500 Romanian babies were adopted by British couples. Then strict new regulations were introduced by the Romanians in agreement with Britain.

Mrs Mooney was 24 when she was told she could not have children, after an appendix operation went wrong. With her husband's support, she started on the road of fertility treatment. When that was unsuccessful, they turned to adoption, but by then Mrs Mooney was 35, and British agencies told her she was too old.

But the Mooneys refused to give up. They legitimately adopted their daughter Grace three years ago when Mrs Mooney walked into a Romanian hospital and asked if there was a baby she could have. Monica's "adoption" was different. Now eight months old, she is one more child without parents at the St Ecaterina orphanage in Bucharest, a world apart from the four-bedroom house in Wokingham, Berkshire, where the Mooneys and their three-year-old daughter Grace intended to make her one of the family.

But unlike thousands of children in Romanian institutions, there is a glimmer of hope: the Mooneys still want to adopt Monica.



A detail from one of the Burne-Jones tapestries

Tapestries sell for £840,000

FOUR tapestries by Sir Edward Burne-Jones, the pre-Raphaelite artist, showing episodes from the search for the Holy Grail, soared beyond their £170,000 estimate to make £840,000 at Christie's in London yesterday, John Shaw writes.

All went to the same buyer in New York. Nicola Redway, head of Christie's decorative arts department, said: "These tapestries represent one of the most remarkable creations of the Arts and Craft Movement."

☐ A black Balken Cross cut from the triplane flown by the Red Baron after his fatal crash in April 1918 failed to sell at a Phillips auction. The highest bid was £21,000 against an estimate of £30,000 to £40,000.

Sale of baby mattresses halted by fume fears

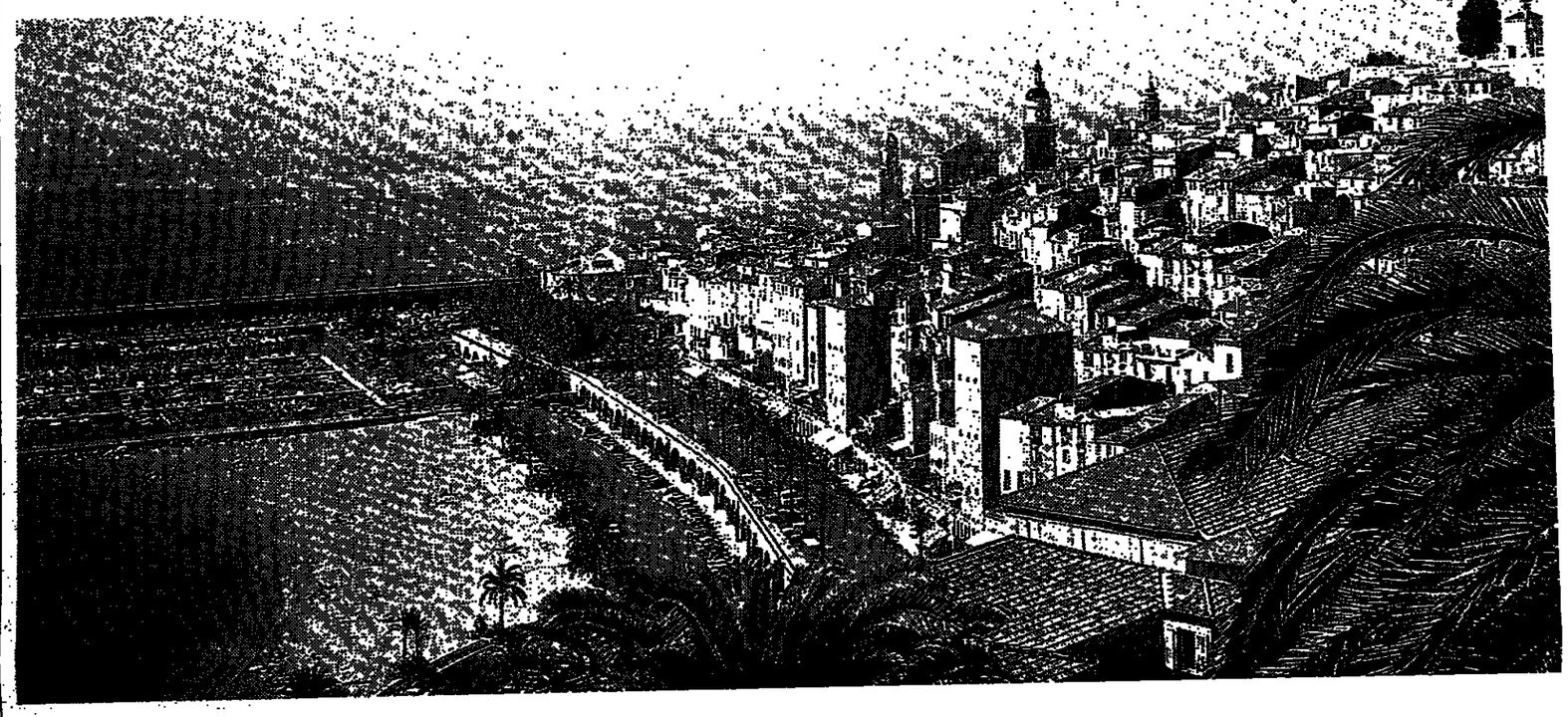
BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's leading high street chains suspended sales of baby mattresses yesterday after fresh claims linking fire-proof chemicals with cot deaths. Officials at Boots ordered all mattresses to be removed from its Children's World stores after tests indicated that they could give off deadly fumes.

Bavistock, of Bow, east London, which supplies Bo Peep mattresses to independent baby shops and mail order firms, has also withdrawn 35,000 mattresses.

The alarm has been raised by *The Cook Report*, to be screened on ITV this evening. Three years ago medical experts dismissed links between mattresses and cot deaths. But the programme, which has commissioned tests on mattresses and tissue samples of victims, claims that bed wetting causes a fungal reaction in phosphorous and antimony, chemicals used by some manufacturers to flame-proof mattresses.

Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said the Government would look at the results of the study and consider seeking further advice from independent experts.



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Network of cycle routes takes high road to health

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for a national cycle network based around a route linking Dover and Inverness were unveiled yesterday.

The full network, connecting towns and cities across the country, will cover 5,000 miles. About 1,800 miles will be on disused railway lines, canal towpaths, forest tracks, parks, derelict land and other traffic-free paths. The rest will use specially designed cycle routes in cities and safe minor roads.

The scheme, backed by industrialists, wildlife groups and celebrities, is aimed at encouraging up to a quarter of the nation out of their cars and on to their bikes. The project was launched by Sustrans, a charity that has built 300 miles of cycle routes in the past decade. It was warmly supported by Steven Norris, the transport minister.

Cycling was held up in a recent Royal Commission report on pollution as capable of making an important contribution to cleaner air. Mr Norris said bicycles had been the Cinderella of transport policy but promised to make changes. "Until very recently policy was that cycling is quite dangerous. You might get knocked off your bicyle by lorries so it is better not to encourage it. I hope we can work closely with Sustrans to bring this network about. It is important to put cycling much higher up the agenda," he said.

The network is expected to cost £250 million, which Jeremy Paxman, the broadcaster and a keen cyclist, said yesterday was "peanuts" when compared with the benefits. These are expected to include reduced air pollution, safer and more tranquil cities, a fall in heart disease and jobs in route construction.

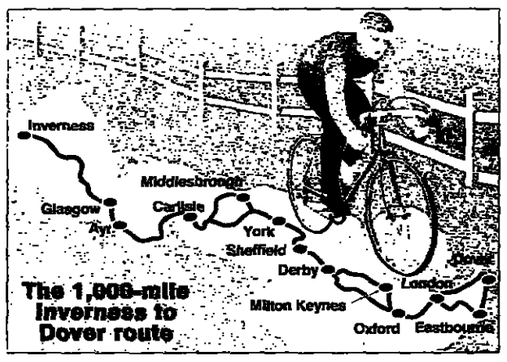
John Grimshaw, director and chief engineer of Bristol-based Sustrans, said four million bicycles were sold each year in Britain, more than the number of cars, but most remained unused because there were too few safe and convenient cycle routes. Only 2.5 per cent of urban journeys are made by bicycle, compared with a third in The Netherlands, about a fifth in Denmark and 11 per cent in Germany.

Similar patterns are seen in the few British cities where councils have encouraged cycling. These include York, where 20 per cent of journeys are by bike, and Cambridge with 27 per cent.

The charity, which will be holding meetings with local authorities over the coming months, is seeking support from the Millennium Commission so that most of the routes can be built by the end of the century and the network completed by 2005.

Funding is also being sought from the Countryside Commission, the Sports Council and the European Commission.

Mr Norris called on councils to use his department's £1 billion supplementary grants scheme. "We have told local authorities they should encourage cycling in the bids they make," he said.





Frances McMenamin, a legal "star" of the series

Viewers become jury on TV trial

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR judges and the public will have a chance to give their verdicts on the first experiment in allowing cameras into British courtrooms when the documentary series *The Trial* is screened tomorrow night.

The Lord Chancellor and the Master of the Rolls, as well as some 100 judges and lawyers, will attend a special preview tonight. The makers of the landmark BBC2 series, filmed in Scotland, have commissioned research to see if public understanding is enhanced from televised justice.

Elizabeth Clough, its executive director, said: "Hopefully people will understand more of what goes on and be less intimidated if they actually have to attend court." Nick Catliff, producer, said: "The Scottish judges have seen the programme extracts and are delighted. They don't have any problem with the content of it. They think we have made good television out of it."

Basing opinion on a short press preview yesterday, the stars of the series will be the advocates, best seen in close discussion with their clients as they await the verdict.

There is the searing Scottish advocacy of Frances McMenamin, one of the few women to appear, who says the prosecution had portrayed her client, the defendant, as a Rambo-like character. "Look at him!" she tells the jury, pointing to her client who is weeping quietly in the dock. "He could hardly hit his way through a paper bag."

The experiment in televised justice took place in Scotland with the blessing of the senior judge, Lord Hope, Lord President, and subject to strict rules and safeguards. But in England and Wales, cameras — whether film or press photography — are banned in courts or courtroom precincts under the Criminal Justice Act 1925.

It is the verdict of the English judiciary which will be crucial to whether there is legislation to allow a similar experiment here.

Parking permits 'a tax on the rich'

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A COUNCIL was accused yesterday of introducing a parking scheme to tax the rich and relieve pressure on its social security budget. Ten residents of Primrose Hill, northwest London, including Clare Latimer, the former Downing Street caterer, alleged in the High Court that Camden Council was acting illegally in introducing a controlled parking zone near their homes.

Ms Latimer said: "We have had a huge amount of complaints about the parking scheme. All I seem to have talked about in the past three years is parking."

Mark Cran, a barrister and Primrose Hill resident, claimed the council was unlawfully using its powers under the 1984 Road Traffic Regulations Act to raise substantial additional revenue "as a means of local taxation". He said Camden was anxious to make money out of the richer areas of the borough and had introduced schemes in Hampstead, Primrose Hill and Belsize Park to ease pressure on its social security budget.

Mr Cran said the majority of residents, who face a charge of £82 a year for a permit to park near their homes, wanted no controls at all.

Another resident, Alan King, an anaesthetist, said Camden Council had "completely failed" to show that the controlled zone was necessary. He said council parking patrols in the area had had an adverse affect on the "unique informal and bustling" atmosphere of Primrose Hill village. "Now it sometimes feels almost like a police state. The zone could be seen as a potential blank cheque for Camden Council."

The hearing continues.

NEWS IN BRIEF

High-kick karate man fell to death

A karate expert plunged to his death from a tower block when he lost his balance while practising and fell through an open window, an inquest was told.

The family of Scott Kell, 23, said he would jump into the air with one leg extended, but sometimes overbalanced. A neighbour in the flat below Kell's tenth-floor home in Salford heard him practising in July and then saw him fall past his window. Verdict: misadventure.

Killer fined

An overweight, disabled man who fatally injured a woman pedestrian when he knocked an automatic car into gear while struggling to get out was fined £1,000 at the Old Bailey. David Kaye, 73, a millionaire businessman from London, admitted causing death by dangerous driving.

Player in court

Stan Collymore, 23, the Nottingham Forest footballer, was committed for Crown Court trial by Cannock magistrates on charges of assaulting two men outside a nightclub.

PC mauled

A police dog handler was badly mauled while assessing an alsatian. PC Steve Johnson, a handler in Hampshire for 18 years, was bitten on the arms and face. The dog was killed.

£10,000 reward

A £10,000 reward was offered for information on attackers who set on fire Barry Bailey, 42. Mr Bailey, of Liverpool, suffered 80 per cent burns.

News in briefs

More than £1 billion was spent on women's underwear last year, while £770 million was spent on men's.

Patient wakes to call from glazing salesman

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CANCER patient in a private hospital room was more than surprised to receive a telephone call asking if he wanted replacement windows.

Rex Sheppard, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, who had recently had major surgery, listened with disbelief as the double-glazing salesman started delivering his patter. Then Mr Sheppard swore and cut him off.

"When my telephone rang I expected it to be a member of my family or a friend wishing me a speedy recovery. I was absolutely amazed when this voice announced he was from Zenith Windows and asked if I wanted to see a representative," he said. "I had seven tubes sticking out of me and I didn't know if I was coming or going because I was in such discomfort. The last person I wanted to hear from was some pushy salesman."

Mr Sheppard, 61, subsequently received an apology from the firm. Trevor Carter, of Zenith Windows, said: "I can only assume it was a misdial by the canvasser or a wrongly routed call."

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'We are still steaming full ahead, just as Prince Albert was a century and a half ago'

A greatly profitable Exhibition

BY ALAN HAMILTON

PRINCE Albert's Great Exhibition in the Crystal Palace 143 years ago was so successful that the profits are still being distributed.

Squirrelled away in canny investments and topped up by rents, the £186,000 surplus recorded by the mighty display devised by Queen Victoria's consort for Imperial Britain's science, arts and manufactures has grown to a tidy nest-egg of £12 million. Last year its guardians handed out grants and fellowships worth nearly £800,000.

That such an improbable source of largesse is still being disbursed came to light when *The Times* reported on the Court and Social page this week the appointment of Rear Admiral Patrick Middleton as secretary of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851. This prompted a reader, Myrtle Ternstrom of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, to ask on the Letters page yesterday: "May I ask what the members of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 *do*?"

A fair question, given that the Crystal Palace was dismantled and moved from Hyde Park to south London in 1852-53 and burnt to the ground in 1936. Rear Admiral Middleton, limbering up in his tiny suite of offices in a remote corner of Imperial College in preparation for his new role in January, was happy to explain: "We are still steaming full ahead towards excellence in science, industry and the arts, just as Prince Albert was a century and a half ago."

The 15 commissioners, whose president is the Duke of Edinburgh and whose meetings are chaired by Sir Denis Rooke, a former chairman of British Gas, annually hand out 18 fellowships, each worth up to £14,000, to postgraduate science researchers, young industrial design students and promising young industrialists. They award a regular bursary to the Textile Conservation Centre at Hampton Court Palace.

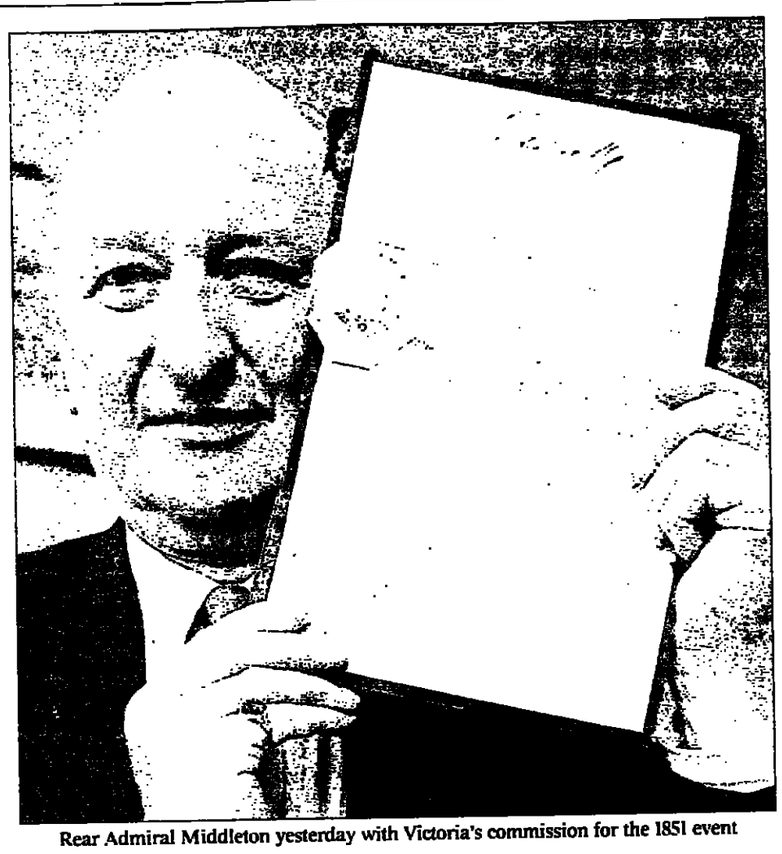
Past beneficiaries of fellowships include Lord Rutherford, who split the atom, and Lord Penney, the father of Britain's atomic bomb. Eleven recipients of grants went on to win Nobel prizes and three to become president of the Royal Society.

"We get about 80 applications a year for our science fellowships, which we have to whittle down to six," Rear Admiral Middleton said. "Industrial fellowships usually, but not exclusively, go to engineers with good degrees working in industry. We pay half their salary to enable them to undertake academic study."

Set up in 1846 to stage the exhibition, the commission subsequently acquired a revised charter that enjoined it "to increase the means of industrial education and extend the influence of science and art upon productive industry". One of its first and most perceptive acts was to acquire 87 acres of South Kensington on which they built Albertopolis, that memorable estate of learned institutions which include the Victoria and Albert, Natural History, Science and Geological museums, Imperial College and the Royal Albert Hall.

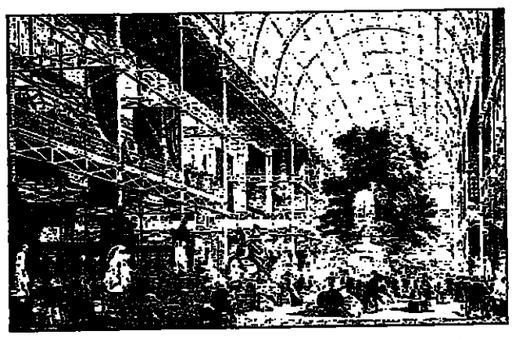
Kensington rents, mainly from residential properties in the area of Exhibition Road, bring in £340,000 a year to top up the commission's investment income. Ground rent from the Albert Hall is one of the fund's lesser contributors: the land was let on a 999-year lease and is still rented at a peppercorn 5p a year. Recently the commission plumped out its funds by selling the Royal College of Organists' building next to the Albert Hall.

Prince Albert, who died of typhoid in 1861, would have been proud to know that his spirit was still alive in such a tangible form. He would also have managed a wry smile at the centenary effort, the 1951 Festival of Britain, which was *not* arranged by the Royal Commission. Although a popular success, attracting eight million visitors, it managed to lose £8.12 million: in today's money, about £100 million.



Rear Admiral Middleton yesterday with Victoria's commission for the 1851 event





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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Was the four high?

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

MANY players will know if say their jack is the highest card left in a suit, but will be lost if a smaller card has become master.

Follow the play in the suit in the diagram below in a No-Trump contract. Try just to study the North-South cards.

DUMMY
K 6
(Q J 9 3) (A 8 5)
DECLARER
10 7 4 2

First round of suit: West leads the queen, dummy plays the king. East the ace and South plays small.

Second round of suit: East leads the eight. South plays the ten. West the jack and dummy follows.

Third round of suit (after East has won a trick in another suit): East leads the five. What should South do? (His holding is now seven-four.)

Answer: If you are a keen pip-watcher, you will know that the problem in the suit is now equivalent to this lay out :

DUMMY
—
A 2 Q led
DECLARER
K J

Obviously you would cover the queen with the king; and the position on the third round in the first diagram is no different — by covering the five with the seven, the declarer ensures that his four will be the master. When Irving Rose achieves the ultimate in suit lay-outs of this type, holding the three when the only other card outstanding is the two, he triumphantly leads out the three and anounces "testing".

The technique for remembering the status of the pips comes with practice, but the first rule is that you must watch them all the time. This is what would go through my mind if I were declarer in the first diagram.

First round: the three highest have gone, so now the jack ten and nine are the critical cards. No sign of the three.

Second round: eight, ten and jack have gone, leaving the nine the highest outstanding, and my seven the second highest. The three is still missing.

Third round: Let me put this together, covering with the seven will force the nine, and that will leave my four master over the remaining card, the three.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's test

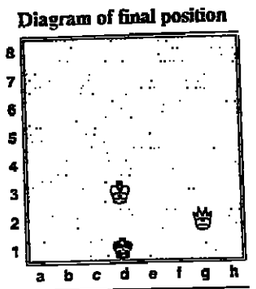
The crucial test for Garry Kasparov in the Intel Grand Prix in Paris came in his semi-final match against the Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik. Kasparov was queen up for the final part of the game with seconds left on his clock to reach a checkmating position. Kramnik's mistakenly retreated his queen on move 20. This allowed Kasparov to pounce with a sequence that won a pawn.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Vladimir Kramnik

Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	dxc4
5	a4	Bf5
6	e3	e6
7	Bxc4	Bb4
8	0-0	0-0
9	Qe2	Bg6
10	Ne5	Nbd7
11	Nxg6	hxg6
12	Rd1	Qa5
13	h3	Rad8
14	Bd2	e5
15	Be1	exd4
16	Rxd4	Nb6
17	Bb3	Rxd4
18	exd4	Re8
19	Qd3	Nbd5
20	Bd2	Qb6
21	a5	Qc7
22	Nxd5	Nxd5
23	Bxb4	Nxb4
24	Qxg6	Nd5
25	Qf5	g6
26	Qf3	Qd6
27	a6	b6
28	g3	Kg7
29	Rc1	Re7
30	Kg2	Nb4
31	Qc3	Kg8
32	Re1	Rxe1
33	Qxe1	Kf8
34	Qc3	Nxa6
35	Qc4	Qd5+
36	Qxd5	cxd5
37	Bxd5	Nb4
38	Bc4	Nc6
39	d5	Ne5
40	Bb5	f6
41	f4	Nf7
42	Kf3	Ke7
43	h4	f5
44	Ke3	Nd6
45	Be2	Ne4
46	g4	Nf6
47	gxf5	Nxd5+
48	Ke4	Nf6+
49	Ke5	Nd7+
50	Kd5	gxf5
51	h5	Kf6
52	Kc6	Nc5
53	Bc4	Ne4
54	Bd5	Ng3
55	Bf3	Ne4
56	Kb7	Nd6+
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77	Qg4	Ke3
78	Qg6	Nh4
79	Qe4+	Kf2
80	Qxf4+	Ke2
81	Qxh4	Kd3
82	Qg3+	Ke2
83	Ke4	Kd2
84	Kd4	Ke2
85	Qg2+	Kd1
86	Kd3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Tourists who drowned had ignored danger sign

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE sole survivor of a holiday drowning tragedy in Cyprus in which his wife and best friends died admitted yesterday that they had seen a sign warning of the dangers of swimming in rough seas. Speaking from his hospital bed in the resort of Paphos, John Bryson, 55, said: "We just did not realise how dangerous it was until disaster struck."

Mr Bryson, a businessman from Langside in Glasgow, was kept in hospital overnight after the tragedy in which his wife Margot and their friends David and Moira Haldayne drowned. The four were halfway through a two-week



David Haldane, who died with his wife

holiday at a luxury hotel at Chlorakas near Paphos. Mr Bryson's daughter was at his bedside last night after flying from Glasgow.

It was the worst incident of its kind in Cyprus for many years and triggered a row over what advice holidaymakers should be given about swimming in winter. Strong winds and high waves make the sea look rough but the greatest danger comes from the powerful undercurrents that can drag down even the most skilled of swimmers.

A British banker, Roger Skinner, 36, from Woking, Surrey, said he had almost drowned on the same beach near the hotel earlier this year. Mr Skinner called yesterday for travel agents to warn holidaymakers of the dangers of swimming off Paphos.

"I was probably no more than waist high and dived through a wave. When I surfaced I felt myself being dragged down by the undercurrent which was like a whirlpool. It was like being sucked into the wave machine in a swimming pool."

Mr Skinner, of Woking, Surrey, was saved by a local youth who swam to his aid with a lifebelt. He heard later that a Swiss holidaymaker had drowned two weeks earlier. "Signs say rough seas can be dangerous. But it not the rough seas that are the danger, it's the undercurrent. I find it astonishing that travel agents don't warn people not to swim there or that areas of strong undercurrents are not marked by buoys."

Mr Bryson, a former Glasgow policeman, was too distraught to go into details yesterday but police who interviewed him said that Mr Haldayne got into trouble first. He then called for help and Mr Bryson plunged into the sea. When both realised the alarming strength of the undercurrents, they shouted warnings to their wives to stay on the beach, but the women insisted on trying to help.

"No one should have been swimming in that weather," a Paphos police officer said. "There were two signs on the beach warning of danger, and the people had been advised by hotel staff to stay out of the sea and use the hotel pool. Just one look at the water should have been enough. They should listen to the Cypriots, who never swim in winter."

Barry Meadows, a British resident in Chlorakas, agreed that the signs should be more prominent but said it should have been obvious to anyone that it was too dangerous to swim. "They must have been bonkers to go out in such rough seas," he said.



Marie and Andrew Moore with their son Ross, who had a steel rod sticking out of his arm because of the delay

Hospital apology over cancer boy's forgotten surgery

BY PAUL WILKINSON

COMMUNICATION failures among hospital officials forced a six-year-old cancer victim to suffer a needless five-month wait in agony for an operation, an inquiry has disclosed.

Ross Moore could have had an operation last April to remove steel rods temporarily inserted in his arm to replace a bone destroyed by a tumour. But no one at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, remembered to ask South Tyne health authority for the money to pay for it. When the operation was finally carried out in September, one of the rods was protruding through Ross's skin.

Yesterday Barrie Dowdeswell, the hospital's chief executive, apologised to Ross's parents Andrew and Marie in person. He said later: "We recognise the distress and anxiety caused to him and his parents. We are particularly distressed the shortcomings should have occurred in this case, as our team of clinicians and nurses have been working with him and his family since he was three. The delays are regrettably due to poor internal coordination and failures in communications arising in part from the unique nature of his case.

"We have already put in place improvements to procedures to ensure similar problems never recur and have also changed certain work responsibilities. Important lessons have been learnt from Ross's case."

The operation originally had been scheduled for November last year, but was postponed because of lack of money. The two-month inquiry found that managers did not apply for funding for the operation until August even though it became available in April. The operation finally took place on September 26, nearly 11 months after the original date.

Mrs Moore, 29, from Gateshead, said: "It was a catalogue of errors which led to delays. They accepted we should never have gone through what we did. We were led to believe the operation would take place far earlier than it ever did. Everything should have clicked into place in April but didn't.

"However, it was refreshing when we went to the hospital this week how they fully accepted what we had said in the first place. When we first made the complaint they didn't want to accept that what we were saying was actually true. They do now."

Ross recovered well from the operation, which replaced the rods with an artificial bone, and can move his right arm for the first time in more than three years. Mrs Moore, who also has a daughter aged 2, said: "Every day he gets more and more confident. It will never be perfect but day by day things are improving."

Hebrideans look to Brussels for £6m bridge

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

AUTHORITIES governing the remote Scottish island of Scalpay, which has fewer than 400 inhabitants, are supporting proposals to build a £6 million bridge linking it to its nearest island neighbour.

The bridge between Scalpay and Harris in the Outer Hebrides would only span 180 yards of water, a crossing that takes ten minutes by ferry. Islanders are optimistic that funding will come from the European Union. Last year the Highlands and Islands were granted Objective One status because they were among the poorest regions in Europe. The area will receive £250 million over six years.

The existing Caledonian MacBrayne six-car ferry which runs ten times a day is heavily subsidised and the secondary school on the island is believed to be Scotland's most expensive, costing £14,000 a year for each of its six pupils.

Yesterday the planning committee of the Western Isles Council approved the proposal. Full planning permission is not expected to be granted by the council until the new year.

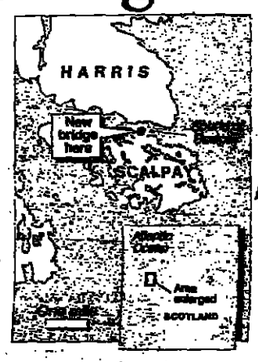
Islanders back the bridge plan. "The ferry service is very good but a bridge would allow us to come and go as we please," one said. At present the last ferry is at 6.15pm, two hours later on a Friday. Nearly all the employed people on the island use the ferry to get to work.

Supporters of the bridge deny it is simply a case of spending the money because it is there. Donald McDonald, a local councillor, insists it makes economic sense. He says the services on the island cost significantly more than on Lewis and Harris — about £1 million a year for the island and its tiny population.

"It's a horrendous cost," he says, "and what have we got to show for it? Huge depopulation and a bleak future for our children."

Islanders also point to the example of Vatarsay in the Western Isles where a £3.75 million causeway to the island of Barra has led to young families returning to Vatarsay from Barra and houses being built. Old homes are being renovated because it is possible to transport materials.

Colin Paterson, managing director of Caledonian MacBrayne, says his company is happy running the ferry service to Scalpay but adds: "I can't say that it is our most profitable service. If they want a bridge then we wish them luck."





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British social attitudes

Voters want higher taxes and public spending

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is in danger of losing votes if it cuts taxes, according to the latest survey of British social attitudes. Even a majority of Conservatives now want to see *higher taxes and more spending* on the welfare state.

The report shows that the number prepared to pay more to finance health, education and social benefits almost doubled between 1983 and 1993. Over the same period, *the number happy to leave things as they are* nearly halved and only 4 per cent of the survey still want tax cuts.

The most marked change was among Conservative voters. At the beginning of the period, roughly a quarter were prepared to pay more to increase welfare spending. That group has now risen to 55 per cent.

"What has certainly widened is the distance between the Conservative Party's official position on the issue and the views of their supporters," the report says. "On these readings the call for *higher* taxes and *more* social spending is one of the consensual issues of British politics. Only the Government and a reducing minority of the electorate appear to disagree."

The report says there is little evidence for the view that people secretly accept Conservative arguments against welfare expenditure objectives. Detailed questioning of the 3,600 people surveyed "fails to suggest that a majority of the public believes that welfare spending is either wasteful or that it acts as a disincentive".

Twice as many think that unemployment benefit is too low and causes hardship than those who believe that benefit is too high and discourages people from finding a job. Only 1 per cent think that those drawing the dole have more than enough to live on, even though a large majority *think that unemployment benefit* is higher than it actually is.

The report shows, however, that support for greater welfare spending is not driven more by selfishness than altruism. People want more money for services they all *expect to use, such as health*, education and pensions. Unemployment benefit, defence and the arts all come much lower down. At the same time the large real increase in health spending before the 1992 election seems to have *reduced the proportion who* regard that as a priority, with 60 per cent now putting it at the top of the list compared with 70 per cent in 1990. Over the same period the number who think more should go to helping industry has gone up *from 6 per cent to 14 per cent.*

Government attempts to prepare public opinion for a change away from reliance on the welfare state are having little success. The survey finds that only 37 per cent are against the idea of increasing national insurance contributions to pay for higher pensions and 80 per cent think *either the Government should* be mainly responsible for paying them or should do so jointly with employers. Only a quarter felt that those with private incomes should have their state pension reduced.

The report thinks it may be *possible to winnow some* benefits and to do more to tackle abuse. However "any perceived move against the welfare state as a whole runs the risk of incurring the wrath of the electorate".

☐ *British Attitudes: the 11th report, Social and Community* Planning Research (Dartmouth Publishing; £15)

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STUART FAIR



Moira Kerr, the editor who is competing against her former employer

Tabloids challenge Highland tradition

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A NEWSPAPER war has broken out in the West Highlands where the 134-year-old *Oban Times* is being challenged by two new rivals, *The Oban Star* and *The Fort William Star*.

The new weekly papers were launched yesterday by Moira Kerr, former editor of the *Oban Times*, who has taken her former employer *to an industrial tribunal* claiming constructive dismissal. A judgment is expected in the new year.

Mrs Kerr, 37, said she had not been motivated by revenge. "I want to live in the West Highlands and I want to edit a paper. The only way I can do that is to start up my own." But Howard Bennett, *owner of the Oban Times*, said that the market could support only one paper.

The first edition of the brash tabloids is being given away and advertisers have been offered cut-price rates. The normal price will be *30p. The broadsheet Oban Times* has a cover price of 40p but that may be cut if circulation falls.

Mr Bennett said that his paper did not take its readers for granted. "We will respond to the challenge, but I cannot say yet what that response will be."

Children to join parents in pubs

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN are to be allowed into a new type of public house next year as part of the Government's overhaul of the licensing and gaming laws and the 200-year-old Sunday Observance Act.

Ministers are also considering allowing pubs to open all day on Sunday, but a plan for an extra hour of drinking on Friday and Saturday evenings *is expected to be dropped.*

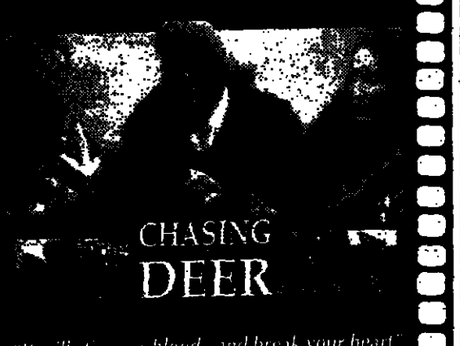
Pubs will be allowed to admit under-14s accompanied by an adult until 9pm under a system of children's certificates. These will be granted by magistrates to pubs with rooms that have a family atmosphere and a bar where food and non-alcoholic drinks are served.

Michael Forsyth, a Home Office minister, said: "Adults will be able to enjoy a drink in the company of their families. Children are likely to benefit from seeing sensible drinking in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere." The change, first proposed in March 1993, seeks to build on the experience in Scotland where more than a thousand children's certificates have been granted with few problems. Mr Forsyth's announcement was welcomed by brewers and the tourist industry, which have been pressing for continental-style licensing laws.

Mr Forsyth said that there was strong hostility to an extra hour of drinking on Friday *and Saturday evenings.* "We have to balance the interests of the consumer alongside any problems that might arise for people living in residential areas, and also we have to think about the impact on police resources."

The Government is also planning to ease controls on greyhound racing and is reviewing regulations on casinos, bingo and gaming machines. An overhaul of the 1780 Sunday Observance Act is expected to allow discotheques to open on Sundays. "The industry is eager for change because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on a Sunday next year.

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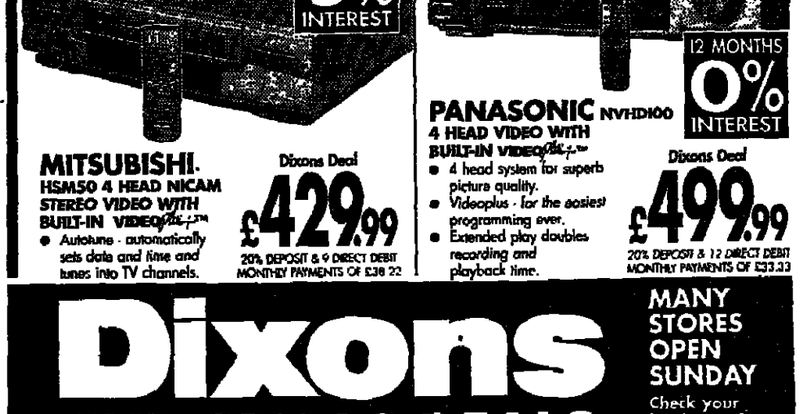
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Major expects to have finance battle won by Christmas

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE

MINISTERS hope to have the Bill to increase Britain's contribution to Brussels through its perilous Commons passage by Christmas.

The Government's determination to forge ahead with the measure, the most contentious in the Queen's Speech, was made clear yesterday as John Major and his senior Cabinet colleagues said that votes on the European Finance Bill would be treated as an issue of confidence in the Government.

The legislation, the target of intense scrutiny by ministers and Eurosceptic backbenchers, was heralded by a single bland paragraph in the speech: "Legislation will be introduced to give force to the changes following the agreement at the Edinburgh European Council."

Senior ministers said that they expected a Bill of no more than two or three clauses amending Section 1 (2) of the European Communities Act 1972. Like the Maastricht treaty, it will be debated on the floor of the House.

They said that they regarded the measure, which stems from a treaty agreed at the Edinburgh Euro-summit in 1992, as essential to the Government's programme as its Finance Bill giving effect to the Budget at the end of the month.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and the Treasury again rejected claims by Eurosceptic Tories that the Bill would cost British taxpayers an extra £700 million for the next two years. Mr Clarke said the sceptics' figures were "absurd" and that the full cost of the budgetary changes by the end of the decade would be about £250 million a year.

The annual budget of the European Union, most of which is spent on agricultural subsidies, stands at 1.2 per cent of total EU gross national product or about £55 billion. The deal reached in Edinburgh, which should to be passed into law across the Community by January, raises this ceiling in stages to 1.27 per cent by 1999. If Britain and other EU states were to miss the deadline the Community would have to resort to emergency funding measures until all countries have ratified the deal.

The Treasury said that on present assumptions about growth rates and inflation, the Edinburgh agreement would give the Community an extra £3.3 billion by 1999. The additional net cost to Britain would rise to about £259 million a year by 1999, about one tenth of 1 per cent of public spending.

The Treasury also made clear that the Edinburgh agreement will modify the rules that determine how much each member state pays to Brussels. The VAT element in the equation is being reduced and greater importance is being placed on GNP or overall national wealth. But the UK abatement, the rebate won by Baroness Thatcher in 1984, which has so far saved Britain £16 billion, would be unaffected.

A separate letter from Mr Clarke to Tory MPs gives more figures. It says that the Edinburgh deal provides for an average increase in EU spending of 3.3 per cent a year in real terms from 1992-99. This is lower than the corresponding increase of 5.3 per cent a year agreed at the last review covering the period 1987-92. The 1.27 per cent ceiling is lower than the 1.37 per cent originally advocated by the European Commission.

Assuming EU GNP and inflation rise by 2.5 per cent a year, under the present formula the Brussels budget would rise from £55.1 billion in 1995 to £67.4 billion in 1999. The new arrangements foreshadow a rise from £55.5 billion in 1995 to £71.4 billion in 1999.

Improved rights dismissed as half measure

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE DISABLED

A BILL aimed at improving the rights of the disabled provoked anger last night from campaigning groups that say it does not go far enough.

Ministers already fear that the Disability Bill will be one of the most difficult pieces of legislation to get through the new session. They hope they have included enough measures to avert a backbench rebellion but MPs served warning yesterday that they would oppose legislation that did not give the disabled full rights against all forms of discrimination.

The Government was condemned by campaigners earlier this year for blocking a Private Member's Bill that outlawed discrimination. Yesterday the Prime Minister gave scant details of the Bill, suggesting only that it would be a very narrowly drawn and concentrate mainly on employment rights. It is understood that Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, argued for a modest amount of extra spending for the Bill — about £100 million — suggesting that more expensive proposals had been dropped.

The Treasury is known to have been opposed to any proposals imposing a hefty cost on businesses and industry, such as capital alterations.

John Major made clear in the Commons that discrimination against disabled employees would be illegal, and that the disabled would be given a legal right of access to goods and services. He also announced the setting up of a a national disability council to monitor discrimination.

However, he did not refer to legislation covering building regulations, transport or education. It is understood that these could form part of a wider package of measures, but would not be backed by primary legislation. It is also said that a programme to adapt public transport would be phased in over more than a decade, and apply only to new vehicles.

Alf Morris, Labour MP for Wythenshawe and a campaigner for the disabled, warned ministers that any half-measures would be fiercely opposed by disabled people. "Disabled people are in no mood for half or even quarter measures."

Lord Ashley, co-chairman of the All-Party Disablement Group, dismissed the proposals as "belated, limited and inadequate" and vowed to introduce a Bill in the Lords.

Labour ridicules 'dithering Tories riven by factions'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND ALICE THOMSON

DEBATE

TONY BLAIR mocked Cabinet ministers yesterday for turning the European Union Finance Bill into a confidence issue and said it proved that John Major was "almost incapable of delivering good government".

The Labour leader accused the Tories of being so riven by factions and "buffeted by one day's headlines to the next" that they could no longer address the interests of the country.

"It has surely come to something when a Government can only secure the passage of its own legislative programme by threatening its own demise with a confidence vote," he said. "I think we can be sure they don't dare call an election. But what a way to run a party and the Government."

Opening six days of debate on the Queen's Speech, Mr Blair told the House that the Government's programme for the new session of Parliament showed the central quandary facing the Tories: "Whether to praise Thatcherism or to bury it." Four years after the departure of Baroness Thatcher they still could not decide, he said. "The result is dogma tempered only by dithering."

Mr Blair also ridiculed the Government's indecision over the Post Office. One faction of Tory MPs had demanded Post Office privatisation and it had become the centrepiece of the Queen's Speech. "Then another faction rebels, so it's removed. Then the first faction mounts another rebellion and ministers fall over themselves to proclaim their sorrow and anger at this omission from the Queen's Speech."

Millions of people were desperate for changes in the Child Support Agency, Mr Blair said. "Currently this is a complete shambles causing misery to tens of thousands of families and I hope very much that some radical reform of that agency is on the agenda in the coming year."

He warned that the Government would decide future tax cuts "not on the state of the economy, but on the state of the Tory party".

He said people wanted an end to the "laissez-faire economics and the boom and bust of the past 15 years" and yearned for a new public-private, management-employee partnership, industrial investment, stability, strong public services, an attack on



Blair: "Tories afraid to call a general election"

poverty and unemployment and safe communities.

Responding to Mr Blair's speech, Mr Major told MPs his goals of low inflation, lasting growth, better quality of life, higher standards of public service and lasting peace in Northern Ireland. They remained "at the centre of my objectives for this year and for the future".

He launched a robust defence of the Government's economic record, attacking Labour frontbenchers for spreading gloom and misery about the prospects for the recovery. Instead of investment flooding out of Britain as forecast by Gordon Brown, it was pouring into the country, "up and down the land". It was "a vote of confidence in this country's future and this Government's management of the economy".

Mr Major mocked Labour frontbench "square pegs in round holes" for espousing policies they had previously passionately opposed. Dawn Primarolo, a recent recruit to Labour's Treasury front bench, had recently emphasised the importance of tax collection but had once urged people to break the law by refusing to pay their community charge.

On Northern Ireland, Mr Major said good progress had been made by the British and Irish governments on the framework document on the future of the province. The document would propose a framework for cross-border structures but would rule out joint authority by the two governments of any new bodies.

For the Liberal Democrats, Paddy Ashdown said the timid legislative programme outlined in the Queen's Speech marked "the beginning of the end of the road" for the Government. "What we are seeing are the last splutterings of an ideology that has run out of ideas, energy and steam." Mr Ashdown said the Government was not master of events, but at the mercy of them. "It is led by a Prime Minister to whom things happen, rather than one who makes things happen."

He described Mr Major as "a weak Prime Minister who cannot command a wilful cabinet or re-unite a divided party ... heading a Government that has lost both the trust of the nation and confidence in itself."

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Leniency for users of cannabis

SCOTLAND

THE Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill will give the courts tough new powers to deal with offences which have been committed on bail but it will show leniency towards first time cannabis users (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Instead of a court appearance and a criminal record, people caught using of the drug are likely to pay a fiscal fine of about £40 under a scheme similar to parking tickets. If caught a second time they will face the courts and a tougher sentence. The fiscal fine scheme will be extended to other offences in an attempt to cut the number of court cases.

The courts are likely to be given powers to increase by six months sentences for offences carried out on bail and fines for breaching bail will be increased from £200 to £1,000.

Labour to challenge end of domestic monopoly

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GAS

PRIVATE companies will compete with British Gas to supply 18 million homes. But the proposal is expected to face a tough parliamentary ride as Labour seizes upon warnings that many consumers could be worse off under a privatised regime.

A recent study by the independent Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University concluded that the overall balance of benefits, costs and risks was "unfavourable" to further extension of competition. Independent suppliers, however, claim that they can cut bills by an average of 10 per cent.

Since the privatisation of British Gas in 1987, the regulator Ofgas has gradually opened up the market to competitors. Nearly half of the gas used by factories and power plants is now sold by independent suppliers, who pay British Gas a fee to use its pipelines.

After a study by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and extensive consultation, the Government has decided to go ahead with a Bill that will progressively open up the household market. Under the latest proposals, independent companies will be able to compete for the business of half a million homes in a trial area in 1996. A further 1.5 million homes will be brought into the trial the next year, with competition extended nationwide in 1998.

The Trade and Industry Department said the aim was to allow the industry to develop computer systems and controls that will ensure gas entering the system keeps pace with demand. There are big fluctuations caused by weather changes.

British Gas, which yesterday announced a 23.6 per cent profit rise for the first nine months of the year, to £748 million, has already begun to restructure its business in preparation for the Bill.

Rivals last night insisted that customers would benefit. Norman Ellis, chief executive of Kinetica, forecast total savings to households of £500 million a year; and said: "the smaller users, the elderly and disadvantaged, could benefit most from the change." Critics say, however, that similar reductions would be achieved under the strict formula that governs British Gas prices.

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Alternative dole to save £200m

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYED

THE Government estimates that its Jobseeker's Allowance will save up to £200 million a year. But Labour says 90,000 unemployed will lose benefit.

When the allowance starts in April 1996, unemployed people will be entitled to only six months' benefit without means-testing rather than the 12 months provided now by unemployment benefit. The allowance will combine the benefit, at present £45 a week, with income support, which varies according to means and which can be claimed when benefit entitlement expires.

The Jobseeker's Allowance Bill will require the unemployed actively to seek work before they receive the allowance. They will have to sign a Jobseeker's Agreement contracting them to take specified steps. Claimants working part-time will be able to build up a bonus of up to £1,000 payable when they find a full-time job.

The Government says that spending on benefits for the unemployed has grown at a rate of 7 per cent since 1979. The allowance will targetthose who need the money most and will be a cheaper, more efficient system, it says.

Labour says 90,000 people will lose their benefit and another 150,000 will become means-tested. Donald Dewar, its social security spokesman, said that cutting the period for untested benefit from 12 to six months was "nothing less than a breach of faith".

Ministers promise justice watchdog

LEGAL REFORM

THE Government pledged itself yesterday to creating an independent review body to investigate alleged miscarriages of justice in line with the proposals of last year's Royal Commission on Criminal Justice (Frances Gibb writes).

But the unexpected announcement was not directly mentioned in the Queen's Speech and there were fears that the reform might not receive parliamentary time.

Ministers agreed to adopt the measure at the eleventh hour after the cancellation of privatisation plans. The Home Office said the Government intended to introduce the Bill later this session "in the expectation that the wide support there is for this measure throughout the House will ensure its swift passage".

The new body, whose members would be appointed by the Queen on advice from the Prime Minister, would refer convictions and sentences to the courts without any recommendation, leaving the judges as final arbiters. It would commission investigations by police forces.



Greater supervision for schizophrenics

Controls promised to protect public from mentally ill

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TIGHTER safeguards to protect the public from schizophrenics who fail to take their drugs after release from mental hospital are spelt out in a new Mental Health Bill.

The move is a response to a series of random killings by people with schizophrenia which have caused widespread public alarm. They include the cases of Christopher Clunis, who stabbed Jonathan Zito to death on a London underground platform, and Ben Silcock, who was badly mauled after jumping into the lion's den at London zoo.

The new Bill would tighten control over mentally ill patients but does not reverse the community care policy. Supervised discharge would allow doctors to recall a patient to hospital if they failed to take their treatment after discharge into the community. However, mental health organisations and civil liberties groups are likely to oppose the move. The Tory-dominated Commons health select committee warned last year after a six-month inquiry that it would give the state unacceptable powers over its citizens and would be legally and ethically unworkable.

Ministers believe that public alarm is sufficiently high to overcome objections from civil liberties groups. An inquiry supported by the health department last August traced 34 killings by mental patients over 18 months. In most cases patients who had been well on discharge rapidly deteriorated after failing to take their medication and losing contact with health and social workers.

Under supervised discharge, a patient would be required to abide by a care plan drawn up when they left hospital. They would be allocated a named key worker, probably a community psychiatric nurse, who would monitor their treatment. Failure to comply would trigger an immediate review of their case and could lead to their being recalled to hospital.

The Bill also extends from six months to one year the period during which patients given extended leave can be recalled to hospital and closes a loophole which meant hospitals were powerless to detain patients who had absconded, if they had been missing for more than 28 days.

The new powers are in addition to the supervision registers for the severely mentally ill which health authorities were required to set up by last month. The registers, containing details of about 3,000 patients living in the community who are considered potentially dangerous to themselves or others, are intended to ensure they get priority from health and social services. However they have been criticised for diverting resources from the remainder of the 750,000 mentally ill people cared for in the community and for adding to the stigma suffered by mentally ill people.

The Commons health select committee warned last year that there may be "no middle ground between compulsory detention and freedom in the community". The committee of MPs was concerned that saying a patient is well enough to leave hospital but not well enough to live independently could be open to abuse. They said it would be impossible for patients to consent to the arrangement because "consent under the threat of duress cannot be judged to be true consent". Removing the right of patients to refuse treatment, not only while they were in hospital but in the future after they have been released "raises grave questions about the right the state has to control its citizens".

Bad doctors will be investigated

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest change in the powers of the General Medical Council since it was set up in 1858 will be that it will be able to deal with incompetent doctors.

The Medical Act (Amendment) Bill will allow the doctors' disciplinary body to investigate cases where a doctor's standard of work is so poor as to put patients at risk. The new powers are aimed at dealing with complaints ranging from bad prescribing to persistent rudeness.

At present, the council is only able to investigate cases of serious professional misconduct — usually involving sexual liaisons with patients, fraud or negligence — or cases in which a health problem, usually caused by drink, drugs or mental illness, is affecting a doctor's work.

In 1993-94 the council received 1,626 complaints but was unable to say how many would have fallen under the new performance procedure.

The Bill, proposed 18 months ago by the GMC after criticism that it was failing to monitor the profession properly, is intended to bridge the gap in the council's powers.

Doctors who are the subject of a complaint about their performance would be assessed locally in private by a committee of two doctors and a lay assessor. It would recommend remedial action, such as a period of retraining.

Wider role envisaged for Nato forces in Europe

The following is an edited version of the Queen's Speech.

MY GOVERNMENT attach the highest importance to national security. They will work to continue the process of Nato's adaptation to the changing security environment to allow it to play a wider role in protecting stability throughout Europe.

At the Budapest summit in December, they will seek to enhance the role of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in conflict prevention and resolution. They will also work for full implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty.

My Government will continue its efforts to promote a peaceful settlement in the former Yugoslavia.

My Government look forward to the enlargement of the European Union in January. They will work with our partners to give greater substance to the European agreements between the union and countries of central Europe, with the aim of preparing these countries for eventual membership of the union.

Members of the House of Commons, estimates for the public service will be laid before you. Legislation will be introduced to give force to the changes in the European Community's system of own resources following the agreement at the Edinburgh European Council.

My Government will continue with firm financial policies designed to support economic growth and rising employment, based on permanently low inflation. Fiscal policy will continue to be set to bring the budget deficit back towards balance over the medium term. My Government will reduce the share of national income taken by the public sector.

My Government will continue to promote enterprise, to improve the working of the labour market and to strengthen the supply performance of the economy. They will bring forward legislation to promote competition in the gas industry and to reform the agricultural tenancy laws in England and Wales.

A Bill will be introduced to create a Jobseeker's Allowance, reforming benefits for unemployed people and giving them better help into work. Legislation will be introduced to equalise the state pension age between men and women and to improve security, equality and choice in non-state pensions.

My Government will continue to implement policies and programmes responsive to the needs of the individual citizen, in line with the Citizen's Charter. They will introduce a Bill to tackle discrimination against disabled people. My Government will bring forward legislation to make further improvements to the management of the National Health Service and to provide for people with a serious mental disorder discharged from hospital to be cared for under supervision.

Legislation will be introduced to transfer the Crown Agents and the commercial activites of the Atomic Energy Authority to the private sector, and to authorise the construction and operation by the private sector of a high-speed rail link between London and the Channel Tunnel. The delivery of environment policies will be strengthened by legislation to establish environment agencies for England and Wales and for Scotland.

Legislation will be introduced to reform the Scottish criminal justice system.

In Northern Ireland, my Government will build on the progress already made to secure peace and a comprehensive political accommodation founded on the principles of democracy and consent.

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MICHAEL POWELL



The Queen passing through the House of Lords before making her speech

OTHER BILLS

Objectors will delay tunnel link

A hybrid Bill to authorise building the £2.7 billion Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link could take two years to become law because of the number of objectors to be heard.

Work on the 68-mile link from London to Folkestone will take at least five years, making it 2002 at the earliest before Eurostar trains can travel through Kent at 140mph, compared with the 186mph already achieved in France.

Farmers cheer rent reforms

Farmers and landowners welcomed legislation to encourage the release of more agricultural land for rent. The Agricultural Tenancies Bill, making renting more flexible and abolishing the right to a tenancy for life, will be tabled within a week.

Hugh Duberly, president of the Country Landowners Association, said the legislation would revitalise the farming industry, "attracting capital, expertise and new entrants".

Greens to fight pollution police

An environmental agency to police air, land and water was announced. Green and wildlife groups said that the Environment Agencies Bill will face a difficult time in Parliament because it would weaken environmental protection.

The Lords are likely to object to more powers for Whitehall. The Bill will merge the National Rivers Authority, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution and waste regulation authorities.

Crown Agents switch revived

Privatising the Crown Agents marks a revival of legislation shelved by Cabinet ministers earlier this year. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, led moves to resurrect the proposals after plans to privatise the Post Office collapsed.

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Bosnia demands Nato airstrike on advancing Serbs

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic of Bosnia yesterday called on Nato to halt the Serb offensive against the Muslim-controlled enclave of Bihac in northwest Bosnia. He demanded that Nato send in warplanes after a Sarajevo radio report that Serb forces had entered the town of Velika Kladusa, inside the enclave.

The United Nations reported that Serb forces were now only three miles from the town of Bihac. "The situation in Bihac looks pretty bad," Michael Williams, the UN spokesman said. America this week asked its Nato partners to consider declaring a heavy-weapons exclusion zone around the town.

Counter-attacking Serbs have seized most of the Bihac territory captured by the 5th Corps of the mainly Muslim Bosnian army in its surprise offensive last month. The Bosnian Serb army said that forces loyal to Fikret Abdic, the ousted maverick Muslim leader, were also in Velika Kladusa. The UN said it had received reports from Serb sources that soldiers loyal to Mr Abdic had crossed into Bihac from Serb-held areas of Croatia yesterday.

Mr Abdic called on the 5th Corps to surrender. "We are not offering you an amnesty, we are letting you go home," he said.

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, told reporters: "There were two groups that infiltrated the suburbs of Velika Kladusa and I think by this time both groups are neutralised." But UN High Commissioner for Refugees staff in the town said it was coming under intense anti-aircraft fire.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, commander of the UN forces in Bosnia, said before giving a lecture at the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen last night that his conviction that the UN troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina were keeping the war in check helped him remain "firm of purpose" in his job. He admitted, however, that he had been deeply affected by the violence and despair in Bosnia.

General Rose said: "There are probably 1,000 people a month alive in Bosnia that would not be there if the UN wasn't doing its job."

The general is returning to his position as commander of Britain's Field Army at the end of January. His successor will be Major-General Rupert Smith, currently Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff at the Ministry of Defence.

The five-nation Bosnia Contact Group meets in London today and is expected to press ahead with plans to force the Bosnian Serbs to accept its peace proposals. However, the group is likely to adopt "Plan B", an alternative arrangement bringing in other related agreements so that the package is more acceptable to the warring parties. This alternative plan includes possible mutual recognition of Serbia and Croatia, the role of the UN throughout the former Yugoslavia and a settlement giving autonomy to the Serbs in Krajina.



Izetbegovic: alarm over offensive in Bihac

ROBERT HARDING



Once threatened with removal, the roadside Osborne liquor logo has been officially declared "of artistic and cultural significance"

Mercy plea saves Spain's roadside bulls

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE huge black bulls advertising sherry which dominate the skyline beside Spanish highways are to be saved from a ban on roadside billboards thanks to a unique piece of legislation that declares them to be of "artistic and cultural significance".

The 38ft-high metal images of the beasts carry no lettering. They do not need to: everyone knows they are the logo of sherry and brandy produced by the Andalusian bodega, Osborne. To tourists they are synonymous with Spain itself. The bulls, of which 93 survive from an original 500, were threatened with extinction six years ago when the Transport Ministry's roads law prohibited all billboards in non-urban areas. Spaniards immediately rallied to save what many consider a national symbol.

"I like their silhouette," admitted José Borrell, the Minister of Transport, this week. "But ministers cannot act according to their likes, but by laws, and these are made in parliament."

On Tuesday the parliamentary committee for infrastructure and the environment ruled: "The artistic and cultural significance of the roadside bull, and his integration with the Spanish countryside, ought to be protected. Therefore we recommend that the competent public authorities guarantee the permanence of the bulls' silhouettes."

"The phenomenon was the reaction by the people to the disappearance of the *toro*," Claire Filhol, of Osborne's marketing department in Puerto de Santa Maria, said yesterday. "We received mountains of letters from all over the world. The bulls are an image of Spain." The company must be delighted. Many monuments have been used in advertising logos, but it is usually only in the dreams of publicists that a marketing image becomes a national symbol.

The decision by the deputies in the Cortes (parliament) will obviate an expected Supreme Court ruling that the bulls are merely advertising and should be destroyed.

Forty years ago the Osborne bodega commissioned a logo design for *Veterano* brandy from the artist Martin Prieto. It first rejected his bull designs, but then started to put them up in 1956.

War of the poor sends brother against brother

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN BUGOJNO, CENTRAL BOSNIA

SERDJAN the soldier sits in a dimly lit room nursing the stump where his right foot once was; it was blown off by a landmine two years ago in the continuing battle by the Bosnian army to wrest control of Dornji Vakuf from the Bosnian Serbs. He is also nursing a family tragedy: he and his brothers-in-arms are fighting for the Muslim-Croat side, while their two brothers are fighting for the Serbs.

Serdjan's tale is not uncommon in the confusion of loyalties that form the backdrop to the Bosnian war. He and his three brothers were born to a Serb father and Muslim mother, both of whom continue to live in the town. Before the conflict began he was a tinsmith. In April 1992, as Bosnia began to slide into its bloody fragments, all four brothers were notified of their conscription into the Serb-dominated Yugoslav national army.

"When I heard that they were going to put us in the Serb army, I told my father that I was leaving," Serdjan says quickly, his words tumbling out. "Father gave me a watch and told me: 'My son, run from here; there is no more life for you here.'" With one other brother, Dadi, he fled to Bugojno, a government-held town near by, where both were among the first to join the fledgeling Bosnian army. "I joined the army because I believe that this is the right side," Serdjan says. "I am a real Bosnian."

> "You never see the sons of the rich fighting on opposite sides, only the children of the poor"

Serdjan did not know the fate of his other brothers until he and Dadi met his sister, Jasminka, in Bugojno a few weeks later after she had been exchanged by the Serbs as part of a civilian swap. "When she saw us both she hugged me and started to cry. 'Oh my God,' she said, 'brother is shooting at brother.'" She confirmed that his brothers were with the Serb army in Dornji Vakuf.

As the war intensified neither side of the family, divided by less than nine miles, heard news of the other. But the front lines moved closer. Serdjan and Dadi found themselves in the trenches west of Bugoyno, pitted in a conflict against troops that included their brothers.

"I didn't have a lot of time to think about it," Serdjan says. "There is a rule in every army: if you don't kill your enemy, he will kill you. Yet of course my brothers are not my enemies. I hope that somehow they can escape all this."

Thin, dark-haired and wiry, Serdjan laughs rather too often. His words tumble out at jumbled speed and his eyes have that frozen look that accompanies trauma. His six-year-old son fidgets while watching the surreally apocalyptic film *Mad Max* on a flickering television screen. His wife Esmina sits quietly, a striking Balkan beauty with a nervous facial twitch that belies her apparent serenity.

What makes Serdjan and his family doubly anxious is that the final Bosnian assault to retake Dornji Vakuf from the Serbs is said to be imminent. Serdjan, with his stump of a foot, will not be there. But Dadi will. Above all, Serdjan hopes that Dadi will be one of the first into the town to save his brothers.

"I don't give a damn about politics," he says. "You never see the sons of the rich fighting on opposite sides, only the children of the poor."

Euro-MPs threaten to block enlargement

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN STRASBOURG

MEMBERS of the European Parliament have privately threatened to block or delay expansion of the European Union to Central and Eastern Europe, unless the Maastricht review in 1996 agrees to grant them more powers.

Several members of the Parliament, dominated by the Socialist faction, no longer rule out a showdown with the Council of Ministers and Britain, one of the strongest supporters of enlargement. The Parliament has the right to veto enlargement.

The veto threat would be seen as a negotiating tactic to secure an increase in Parliament's powers and to reduce further the ability of states to block EU legislation in the Council of Ministers. Both aims are almost certain to run into opposition from London.

One MEP said that even if Parliament took a benign and unselfish attitude, it would not be possible to satisfy the Central and Eastern European countries that have expressed a wish to join the EU before the end of the decade. The negotiations, which will be the responsibility of Hans van den Broek, the External Affairs Commissioner, will not begin until after the 1996 inter-governmental conference and are unlikely to succeed in the absence of substantial reform of the Common Agriculture Policy.

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Suharto rebuffs American appeal on Timor

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN JAKARTA

EFFORTS by President Clinton to persuade Indonesia to improve its human rights policy coincided yesterday with an announcement by an American corporation that it is to invest $40 billion (£25 billion) in the country over several years.

Mr Clinton's intervention came after several days of demonstrations by East Timorese in their occupied country and inside the US Embassy in Jakarta as Exxon Corporation revealed from Texas that it would make the huge investment in developing a gas field in the South China Sea.

During an hour-long meeting with President Suharto, a day after the Asia-Pacific economic summit, Mr Clinton spoke "forcefully" about East Timor, where the population opposes Indonesian rule, and concern over human rights abuses, a US official said.

However, President Clinton ran up against a wall when he said that Indonesia "could never reach its full potential as an international leader unless it makes dramatic progress on human rights". He also told reporters that he believed the people of East Timor should have more say in their own affairs.

President Suharto refused to be lectured. He insisted that Jakarta was dealing fairly with these issues and reducing its troops in East Timor. The 73-year-old leader rejected any special status for East Timor, a Portuguese colony invaded by Indonesia in 1975 and annexed the following year.

According to his aides, he also told Mr Clinton: "As sovereign and mature states, the US and Indonesia don't have similar views on all matters."

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Clinton faces Republican threat to kill trade pact

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

JESSE Helms, the ultra-conservative who will chair the Senate foreign relations committee from January, has picked his first fight with the Clinton Administration. The fate of the new world trade pact rests on the outcome.

Mr Helms has written to President Clinton asking him to postpone a congressional vote on the 123-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade accord until next year so that hearings can be held. Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, said yesterday such a delay would be "the equivalent of killing the Gatt agreement" and could not be permitted.

Mr Helms's letter was couched in conciliatory language but fell little short of blackmail. "If you will agree to this, Mr President, I can assure you that it will have an exceedingly positive effect on my making certain that the Administration's positions on all foreign policy matters during the 104th Congress will be considered fairly and fully," Mr Helms wrote.

The unmistakable message was that he would block confirmation of Administration nominees or funding for overseas activities, if Mr Clinton rejected his request.

The Gatt accord took 12 years to complete and would pump billions of dollars into the world economy by lowering trade barriers, but has run into resistance from protectionists and Republicans who believe it would undermine US sovereignty.

Before last week's elections Ernest Hollings, Democratic chairman of the powerful Senate commerce committee, forced Mr Clinton to postpone the vote until the end of this month, but the President's so-called "fast-track" authority, under which Congress is obliged simply to vote "yes" or "no" to the package, expires on January 1. That means the agreement would almost certainly be destroyed by amendments if Mr Clinton agreed to a further delay until next year.

The Republicans, supposedly the party of free trade, are split on the issue. Newt Gingrich, the next House Speaker, broadly favours the accord. Robert Dole, who will be the Senate majority leader, is undecided. Phil Gramm, the Senate's leading conservative, is hostile.

In another embarrassment for the Administration, William Perry, the Defence Secretary, admitted the US army is so strapped for cash that its combat-readiness is now at its lowest ebb since President Reagan embarked on his military build-up nearly 13 years ago. In a letter to congressional leaders, Mr Perry said three of the army's 12 divisions were far below peak readiness and could not carry out all wartime missions. His admission lent substance to Republican claims that Mr Clinton has cut defence spending to dangerously low levels, and fuelled Republican demands for a swift withdrawal of troops from Haiti.

Mr Gingrich meanwhile admitted he was "foolish" to call the Clintons "enemies of the people" and "counter-culture McGovernicks" — comments that blatantly contradicted his professed desire to work with the White House.



Helms: threat cloaked in conciliatory letter



Heidi Fleiss, with her lawyer Donald Marks, during her trial for drug possession and running a call-girl ring

LA star trials hit murky waters

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MEDIA teams covering the trial of Heidi Fleiss, the reputed "madam to the stars", have been supplied with a videotape of four young women undressing in a Beverly Hills hotel suite.

In a neighbouring court, the tedium of jury selection in the O.J. Simpson murder trial has been relieved by an attack on the presiding judge from stunned observers for agreeing to give a five-part television interview despite castigating the media for intensive coverage of the case.

Judge Lance Ito has been called "starry-eyed" and inconsistent by fellow jurists, while the *Los Angeles Times* has accused him of "exchanging judicial garb for the robes of a hypocrite".

The practical implications of his interview, touted as a world exclusive by the Los Angeles CBS affiliate, were apparent in court this week, when Judge Ito had to dismiss a potential reserve juror who admitted seeing a "teaser" for the interview.

Interviewed by his friend and fellow Asian-American, Tricia Toyota, Judge Ito has so far discussed his Japanese parents' wartime internment in Wyoming, his views on what makes a good judge, and his love of fly fishing.

Next door, the court heard that the women were prostitutes supplied by Ms Fleiss for a detective to entertain his fictitious business associates.

Detective Richard Mungia on Tuesday identified bags of cocaine linked to the arrest of Ms Fleiss. Ms Fleiss is charged with drug trafficking and running a call-girl ring, and faces up to 11 years in prison if convicted.



Mungia: identified bags of cocaine

Onassis suicide claim denounced

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A BIOGRAPHY of the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis which suggests that the American former First Lady took her own life this year in the final stages of her battle with cancer has been denounced as "sick" by her nephew.

The book, published today, also claims that she conducted a five-year love affair with Senator Robert Kennedy, her brother-in-law. In *A Woman Named Jackie*, an updated reissue of his best-selling 1989 biography, C. David Heymann implies that Mrs Onassis may have hastened her own death last May by taking pain-killing medicines in conjunction with a morphine drip.

During the last hours of her life, he writes, Mrs Onassis was briefly left unattended and when family members returned she was fading quickly. "Presumably the morphine coursing through her veins had been augmented by several tablets of the pain-killer Seconal." Mr Heymann adds. "That is really sick," Bobby Kennedy, Mrs Onassis's nephew and the son of Senator Kennedy, told the *New York Post* when asked about the assertions.

Mr Heymann's research methods have prompted fierce criticism in the past. About 58,000 copies of his 1983 biography of Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress, were recalled after the publisher, Random House, discovered factual errors. Mr Heymann said his researchers were responsible for the mistakes.

Duke has lunch with Falklands adversary

FROM EVAN DYER IN BUENOS AIRES

THE Duke of York went ahead with scheduled public appearances on his four-day visit to Argentina, inaugurating a statue of George Canning, the early 19th-century British Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, in spite of violent disturbances that marred his first day.

Twenty-seven people were arrested on Tuesday night when left-wing groups headed by the Movimiento al Socialismo of Luis Zamora, a veteran revolutionary, turned up at the British Embassy compound to protest at the prince's presence. In the embassy grounds the prince was participating in the launch of a new Range Rover model.

The protest by Argentinians who refuse to put aside the painful memories of the Falklands War, which began with chanting and the burning of the Union Jack, became violent when some protesters started hurling stones over the embassy wall and a group of about 100 attempted to rush the entrance. Five policemen and a number of civilians were hurt in the melée.

Shots were heard, although it was not clear if they were teargas discharges or bullets, and mounted police chased demonstrators across an avenue through heavy traffic.

The embassy, protected by an 8 ft-high wall, was not penetrated. Security was heavier yesterday at the inauguration of the statue of Canning, who supported Latin American countries in their wars of independence. His memory fell from favour after the Falklands War in 1982 when a mob destroyed his statue. The unveiling went off without serious incident.

At the ceremony the Duke avoided direct reference to the war or the future of the Falklands. He lunched at the Círculo de Armas, a Buenos Aires social club, where he sat next to General Martin Balza, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and commander-in-chief of the Argentine armed forces, who commanded a battery on Mount Wall in the Falklands War and was taken prisoner after the Argentine surrender.

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Calls grow for Grachev dismissal

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PAVEL Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, was fighting for his political life yesterday as politicians and fellow soldiers intensified their campaign to have him dismissed from his post.

The former paratrooper and close confidant of President Yeltsin has faced two days of criticism of his command by fellow officers and is likely to endure a verbal barrage from hostile deputies in the Duma, the lower house of parliament.

The Duma's defence committee is expected to vote overwhelmingly today for the general's immediate removal, while a full session of parliament could pass a "no confidence" motion in General Grachev when he addresses the chamber tomorrow.

President Yeltsin has denied repeatedly that he is contemplating dismissing General Grachev, although the Russian leader made a scathing attack on the poor state of the country's armed forces at the start of a review of military priorities this week.

His reassurances have been undermined further by the present spate of reshuffles in the government and by persistent rumours in the Ministry of Defence that General Grachev's days are numbered. Yesterday, for instance, *Izvestia* tipped General Andrei Nikolayev, commander of the Border Guards, for the job.

Berlusconi waves election stick to discipline MPs

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, easily won another confidence vote on his austerity budget for next year in parliament yesterday after warning renegade members of his coalition that he would call early elections if they obstructed his efforts to slash the public spending deficit.

MPs in the Chamber of Deputies voted 346 in favour to 208 against with one abstention to pass a section of the budget reforming Italy's generous state pension system. A second confidence vote on pension changes was not expected until late last night or early today because of filibustering by MPs from the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communists. The government was expected to win the second vote easily because it has a large majority in the chamber.

Earlier Signor Berlusconi told rebellious members of the Northern League, his coalition partner, that a proposal by them to separate pension reform from the budget Bill was ridiculous. "It would mean covering the country with ridicule ... I am here to recover the lost dignity of Italy," he said.

"If government activity for the good of the country will not be possible, there will be nothing for it but to return to the electors. We have the numbers to achieve our programme and I am here as long as I am able to realise it." Umberto Bossi, the Northern League leader, called the Prime Minister's remarks a "provocation".

Earlier this week, the government easily won a confidence vote on allowing pardons for building speculators who have built illegally as long as they pay fines that will help to plug the budget deficit.

The government said that Signor Berlusconi would hold talks with union leaders next week to try to persuade them to cancel a one-day general strike on December 2 against the austerity measures. Last Saturday up to two million people, many of them pensioners, demonstrated in Rome against the budget. The real test for the conservative coalition will come later this month, however, when the budget measures are examined by the Senate, where the government does not have an absolute majority.



Berlusconi: won vote to cut budget deficit

During the debate yesterday, Gianni Mattioli, of the PDS, accused the government of wanting "to put the blame on old people" for the profligacy of past governments. Mario Segni, leader of the opposition centrist Pact for Italy, said that "at this point a government crisis would be healthy".

Tension within the coalition over pension reform was evident when Signor Bossi held separate talks with union leaders yesterday and said they had agreed that the government should remove clauses referring to pensions from the budget Bill. He said he would try to persuade the government to present a separate Bill on pensions, but a Cabinet meeting yesterday apparently ignored his proposal.

Lukewarm support from the Northern League could be crucial for the government in the Senate when the budget is examined there. But a league spokesman in the Chamber of Deputies said the party would vote loyally with the rest of the coalition because it "recognises the need to assure governability".

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Bar orders doubles all round

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

THERE is a bar in New York where you know you have had one too many if you stop seeing double.

In a city where bar themes range from lunar landscapes to California beaches, Twins in Manhattan offers a new perspective. Every job, from bartender to hostess and doorman, has been filled with identical twins, each pair wearing the same clothes, and it is run, of course, by identical twins. "It's a natural thing for us, having twins here," said Lisa Ganz, who greeted customers on opening night with her co-owner and sister, Debra, both in matching red trousersuits. "I guess we're a little like a freak show."

In the dimly lit interior, twin televisions are perched above a row of twin barstools. There are double doorknobs and mirrored plates, and one of the snacks on offer is Twin Peaks Nachos. Behind the bar rises a model of the World Trade Centre's twin towers. But the real attention-getters are the live twins.

"It's got such a cachet to it," said customer Tracey Ferry. "It's not your regular, every-day bar. It's entertainment."

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Mass grave found as warring Angolans agree truce

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN, SOUTHERN AFRICAN CORRESPONDENT

A TENTATIVE truce in the Angolan civil war, which has ravaged the former Portuguese colony since independence two decades ago, was due to take effect last night, prior to a more formal ceasefire next week.

However, while generals hammered out peace terms in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, fighting continued round the north Angolan city of Uige, the last provincial capital still held by Unita rebels.

In Huambo, recently captured by government troops from Unita, residents found 200 civilian bodies, apparently murdered by rebel soldiers as they withdrew. A number of bodies were stuffed into wells, according to state radio, which said the toll could rise. A television cameraman said he saw bodies being pulled out of water-holes, and suggested that they were members of the ruling party and bureaucrats who had remained in the city when it was captured by Unita last year.

More fighting was reported near Chinguar, 46 miles east of Huambo. The truce, the first since May 1991, merely halted the shooting until a more formal ceasefire can come into force next Tuesday, two days after a full peace agreement is expected.

However, optimism was guarded that the truce would hold. Throughout the war that began on the eve of independence in 1975 peace overtures and treaties have failed to stop the fighting. Some commanders in the field said they had not even heard of the truce. A national broadcast was expected on government radio.

Yesterday the military teams from Unita and the government, who drew up the truce, met again to put the finishing touches to the formal agreement. The agreement was initialled by both sides last month and the formal signing was expected on Tuesday, but it was called off by Unita because of the renewed assault on Huambo by government forces.

"The Angolan people have suffered for 20 years and the fact that we can say there will be no more killings is very satisfactory," said Alioune Beye, the special representative of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General.

However, Unita complained yesterday that the truce was meaningless without UN monitors. Most of the recent fighting has been a government offensive that captured key rebel strongholds.

"There is no guarantee the government, through its generals and its mercenaries, will order the attacks halted," said a Unita statement in Lisbon.

UN monitors and police would start deploying in Angola only after the start of the formal ceasefire, Mr Beye said. Once convinced the truce would hold, the UN would send several thousand troops to provide security.

An outstanding key issue was how many security guards and weapons Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, would be allowed to retain. According to diplomatic sources, the Unita leader was concerned about assassination attempts. Another issue is the incorporation of Unita forces into a unified defence force.



A young Angolan boy, one of the millions of children affected by wars around the world, watches a government soldier in the besieged town of Malange, 350 miles east of the capital, Luanda

Five million children fall victim in wars

ONE child in every 200 in the world has been traumatised by war, Terry Waite, the former Beirut hostage, said in London yesterday at the launch of Save the Children's report, *Children at War* (Marianne Darch writes).

Mr Waite called for the making and distributing of landmines to be banned and more action to be taken against those who profit from killing.

The report says that in the past decade more than 1.5 million children have been killed in wars, with four million left disabled. It says that some landmines resemble small toys.

Save the Children estimates that about 150 people round the world are killed by mines each week.

Hero of Nice sent back into dock

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRENCH judges are rounding up shady mayors and former ministers these days, but none of the newly indicted stirs both love and fear like Jacques Médecin, the colourful former Mayor of Nice who is to touch down in Paris today after four years on the run in South America.

While his many supporters on the Baie des Anges demonstrate their affection for the man they still call *monsieur le maire*, the gendarmes are expected to whisk M Médecin to Grenoble, where he will be held pending charges of fraud and embezzlement. Alain Carignon, the Mayor of Grenoble and recent Minister of Communications, will not be on hand, since he is otherwise detained in a Lyons jail on similar charges.

With elections months away, few really want this ignominious return of *le grand Jacqou*, the roguish godfather of the Riviera, who is alleged to have run his city like a personal casino. "I am a hostage, a victim of a political kidnapping by the Socialist state," M Médecin has been protesting from his cell in Montevideo.

For the nostalgists of Nice, M Médecin should have been left in the Uruguay mansion where he was arrested a year ago after pressure from the Mitterrand administration. He may have been a little sloppy with the book-keeping, they say, but he ran a dazzling city. Since his flight, crime has rocketed, recession has hit and the tourists have stayed away.

For some, the homecoming is a nightmare because he has vowed to settle accounts by hauling the skeletons from the municipal cupboards. Jean-Paul Barety, the present Gaullist Mayor, is given little chance of staying in office. It is a position M Médecin wishes to hold again despite a one-year jail sentence passed in absentia.

M Médecin plans to name the 100 councillors who enjoyed the largesse of a single municipal fund. Some figures in the Gaullist and centre-right UDF party are also nervous.



Médecin: faces charges of fraud and embezzlement

Balladur in plan for 5-year term

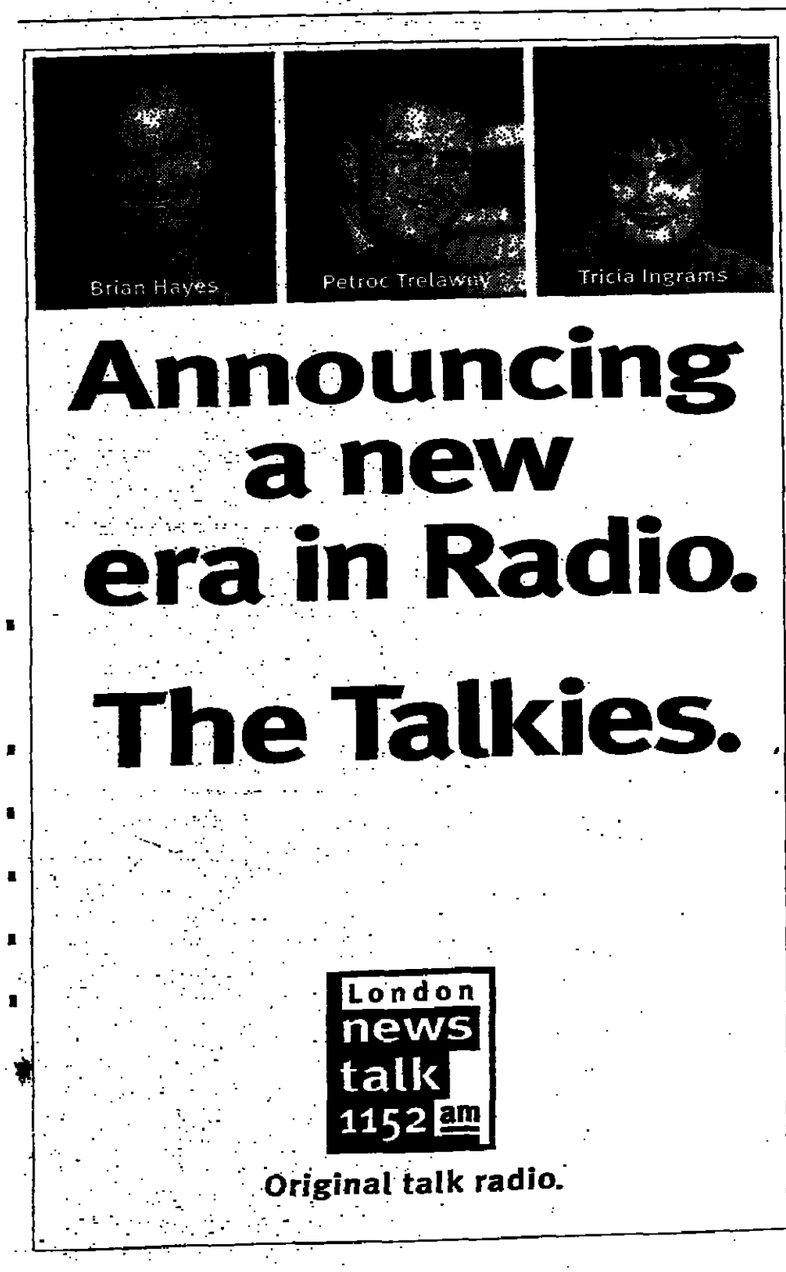
BY CHARLES BREMNER

EDOUARD Balladur, the French Prime Minister and presidential contender, yesterday offered his plans for greater democracy and endorsed a long-standing proposal to shorten the presidential term from seven to five years.

The tenure of the Elysée Palace should be cut or restricted to a single term, M Balladur said in a newspaper article that was viewed as a draft of his manifesto for next spring's election.

Jacques Delors, the likely Socialist candidate, has published a similar platform, although, like the Prime Minister, he has not yet declared his candidature. Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister's Gaullist rival and declared candidate, has promised to end what he calls the "monarchical drift" of the presidential system.

President Mitterrand, who is ending his second seven-year term, also campaigned for the five-year tenure before his election in 1981. The idea is often raised as a solution to "cohabitation". The problem of a President and government from opposing camps could be avoided, it is argued, if presidential terms were brought into line with the five-year life of parliament. The proposal enjoys moderate popular support, although opponents say the present system suits the French political temperament.





On the trail of the Mumbles monster

Is there a dangerous virus lurking off the golden sands of Oxwich Bay? **Walter Ellis** reports

Oxwich Bay, beset by claims that its waters may have developed paralytic qualities which affect bathers, is a near-perfect semi-circle of golden sand on the south side of the Gower Peninsula, west of Swansea. In the summer, it is a Welsh showpiece. In November, at the onset of winter, it is all but deserted.

A huddle of cars squat side by side facing the sea. Most of their middle-aged occupants, displaying that peculiar British mix of fortitude and concern for creature comforts, are reading magazines or sipping tea, seemingly oblivious of the natural panorama in front of them. One man is hauling a lump of driftwood back to his vehicle, no doubt for use as winter fuel. Another, bent forward against the stiff breeze, is making his way determinedly along the strand, like an explorer in training for an Antarctic route march.

I ask this latter-day Captain Oates what he makes of suggestions that Oxwich Bay is dangerously contaminated. "Nonsense," he says. "I used to swim here with my children every summer, and it's no different now to the way it was then." He carries on, his oilskins turned up against the weather, until he is just a distant speck. He looks as though he may be some time.

Another walker, this time a woman in a plastic head scarf, accompanied by what looks like a miniature husky, cheerfully declares that the water of Oxwich is "filthy ... poisonous". Whenever she paddles in the sea, she always washes her feet afterwards in Dettol. She plods on. The dog scampers after her, snuffling and barking. The rain, which has been threatening for some time, finally arrives, but merely spits its disaffection.

The usual detritus of the late 20th century is everywhere apparent: empty containers of multi-purpose silicone and extreme-pressure grease; plastic bags, tubes of something or other from France; another from Germany; even an empty gas cylinder. How hazardous are any of these, I wonder.

Allegations of a mysterious bug in the water have certainly sent a frisson of fear around the region — a fear that is articulated nervously by a table of lunchtime diners in the Oxwich Hotel.

"Have you read those stories about something wrong in the bay?"

"Yes, but I'd say it's only if you go in the water. We'll be safe enough, I expect, if we keep to the beach."

The stories, originating in the *Western Mail* and since taken up nationally, are bound to be unnerving, suggesting that there is "something" out there which can paralyse the unwary, or the unlucky, and leave them helpless and gasping.

John Osborne and Cassandra Lewis, both aged 17, told the press last week that they became ill, suddenly and dramatically, after spending some time in the bay last summer. Mr Osborne, from Caerphilly, was quoted as saying that he had been surfing when all at once he "felt the strength draining out of me" and was barely able to struggle to the shore. Miss Lewis, from Glanaman, Dyfed, said she was overcome with crippling fatigue just days after swimming in Oxwich. Both are now confined to wheelchairs.

Other alleged victims of the Oxwich virus — six or so — reported symptoms ranging from fever and blistering to numbness and loss of balance. All claimed that they felt fine until they went swimming off Gower.

There is no doubting the seriousness of what happened to these individuals. What remains far from clear is the cause. Hundreds of thousands of visitors spent time this summer in Oxwich. Only a handful became ill.

> 'People are becoming cynical — we are not believed'

The irony is that Oxwich Bay is one of the very few in Britain to have been declared a "Blue Flag" beach by the European Community, which means it is officially unpolluted and safe for bathing. Doctors who have examined those affected by illness are baffled and can find no linkage with the sea.

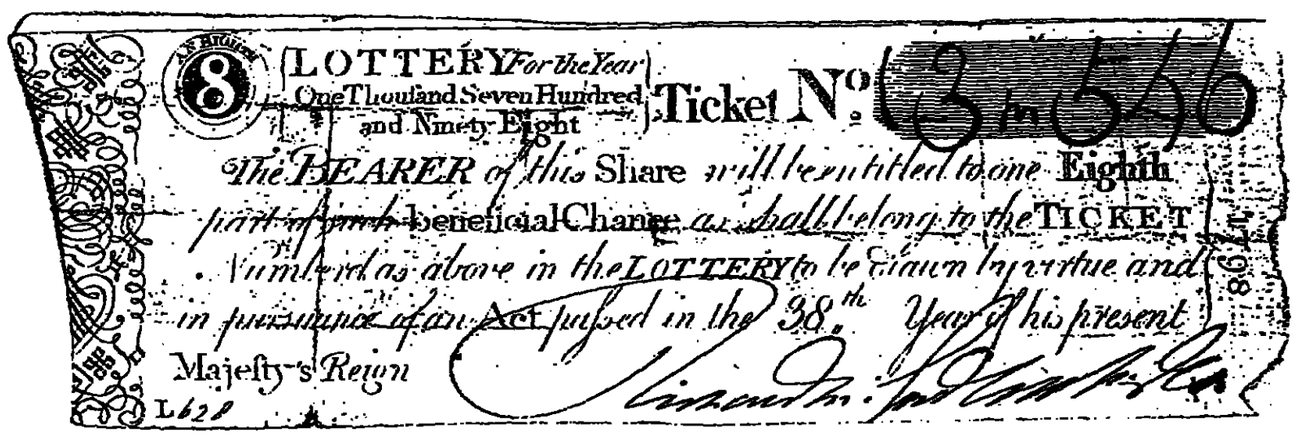
"I don't honestly think there's much to concern ourselves with here," says Huw Morgan, pollution control officer with Swansea City Council. "I don't believe there is an Oxwich angle. What there is is a more general sea bathing problem." He denies that a sewage discharge at Mumbles could be the cause of the outbreak.

Oddly, in view of the publicity, none of the Oxwich "victims" had registered a formal complaint. "We are keen to investigate existing cases," Mr Morgan says, "but we cannot act until someone comes to us. For the moment, all I can say is that it is unlikely that sea water has anything to do with it."

Dr Dorothy Wright, a medical adviser to Swansea Council, appointed this week as public liaison officer in the case, has appealed to anyone who thinks he or she was made ill through sea bathing in the area to contact her. She is sceptical, however, that Oxwich is to blame. "It is difficult to draw any conclusions about a viral cause. We have no clinical information. But no unusual pattern has been noted."

Mr Morgan does not deny that more needs to be done to protect bathers and the public. "There are important issues here. In some ways, it is a shame that the Oxwich claims are pushing the debate up a cul-de-sac. Publicity like this means that a lot of people in Britain will just stay away from sea water. They have become cynical. They don't believe anything we tell them anymore."





Michael Balfour's discovery between the leaves of a book prompted a look at lottery history

Just the ticket — only the draw was two centuries ago

Last month I discovered I already possessed a National Lottery ticket. It was from 1798 for the draw beginning on February 11 the following year. Winner or loser, I wondered? So I started researching the earlier lotteries hoping, of course, to find that my number was the winner, and that the interest had been building up nicely for almost 200 years.

Mine was one of 50,000 tickets sold, for a total value of £500,000, which today equals the impressive sum of £12,720,000, and there were three first prizes, each for £20,000 (£508,800, now). My ticket was for an eighth share in the number; they were sold as whole numbers or in even divisions, down to one-sixteenth.

Britain's first licensed (but not state) lottery on January 11, 1569 "in Paules [Old St Paul's] Churchyard, at the West Doore, was begun to be drawne ... and continued Day and Night till the Sixt of May". All entrants had to be pseudonymous, and were required to use "a devise or poesie" for identification, which restricted the field somewhat.

The second lottery commenced on June 18, 1584 "for Marvellous Rich and Beautifull Armor". Drawings in the third one — to support English colonies in Virginia — started on June 29, 1612. "Thomas Sharplisse, a Taylor of London, had the Chief Prize, viz. Four Thousand Crownes in fayre plate, which was sent to his House in very stately manner." In 1620 an Order in Council put a stop to such lotteries, but 1627 saw another — for a covered aqueduct near Hoddesdon. The same promoter ran a lottery in 1631 for bringing spring water into north London. National lottery money in 1660 freed English slaves in Tunis.

> 'Lottery money in 1660 freed English slaves in Tunis'

In 1694, a neat 300 years ago, came the first proper state lottery, by Act of Parliament, which proposed to raise £1,000,000 (£69,050,000 today) in £10 shares. The first prize was very sensible — a 16-year annuity of £1,000 (£69,050) payable half-yearly.

Tickets were bought from large firms of stockbrokers, generally in instalments. Commission was a penny in the pound on any prize money won. Most chosen numbers were losers; they were called "blanks", from the French *blanque*, a small coin in English-held parts of France. Prizes were called "capitals".

Lottery prize draws gradually became major events in London life. The Guildhall was the established venue. The drawing of the numbers, from revolving drums, was undertaken by boys from Christ's Hospital, the so-called Blue Coat charity school. Very popular in prize drawing weeks were renditions of *The Blue Coat Boy: a Lottery Ballad*, by R. Houlton.

Will someone please compose a National Lottery song?

Annuities as lottery prizes were replaced by straight cash in 1776. But in the early 1800s the first prize in the third of only three Grand City Lotteries was an enormous freehold building in the heart of the City. And I wish it had been on Lord Palumbo's Mansion House Square site.

Lottery fever seems to have reached a particular height in February 1810. By then the draw was confined to one day — Valentine's Day. The Saatchis of the day were vigorous with their promotions. A Lottery Theatre at Coopers' Hall in the City put on *Harlequin Fortune* — "Lottery Makes a Man ... come on!". There was a free performance at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, of *A Cure For The Heart-Ache, Or How to Grow Rich*. The Government ran a poster campaign in January 1810, less than five years after Nelson's death: "England Expects Every Man To Do His Duty ... much less should he refuse to profit by the golden chance of enriching himself for life, which the State Lottery now offers to all adventurers."

Through national lotteries, London gained Westminster Bridge in 1750, at a cost (now) of nearly £27 million. The nation's arts were provided for in 1753 with the first collections for the fledgeling British Museum in Great Russell Street. Among them were the Cotton manuscripts and most of Sir Hans Sloane's "cabinet of curiosities", which included 50,000 books. Perhaps some of them have old lottery tickets lodged in them; that's how I found mine.

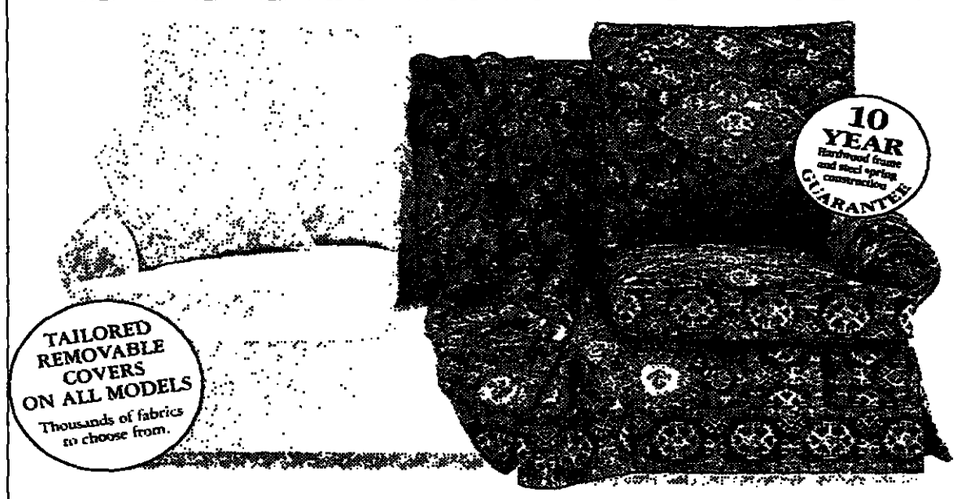
The anti-slavery MP William Wilberforce fought hard against the state lotteries, and eventually he won his case. Until Noel Edmonds does the business on BBC1 this Saturday, there will not have been a national lottery draw since October 18, 1826 ... or at least so Camelot claims. In fact the last UK lotteries were drawn in April 1833, January 1834, and on July 22, 1834.

Henry Fielding sang in his own play, *The Lottery*, first produced on January 1, 1732 at the Drury Lane Theatre: "*A Lottery is Taxation/Upon all the Fools in Creation/And Heaven Be Praised/It is easily Raised;/Credulity's always in Fashion./Not Folly's a FUND/Will never lose Ground/While Fools are so Rife in the Nation.*"

I agree with him. But then I could well do with a "capital" this Saturday at about 8pm.

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New drugs for controlling epilepsy . . . childhood leukaemia and the evacuation evidence . . . learning to recognise the symptoms of hepatitis C

Apologies for absence



IT IS whispered that in some parts of London ambitious parents will do anything, short of murder, to have their daughters accepted by one of the day schools where the academic standards are high. Nine-year-old Harriet is at one of these schools. Bright, cheery, keen on gym and the violin, she makes the best possible use of the school's facilities, and is doing well in her class despite a wandering attention.

Harriet's lapses in attention are not the result of daydreaming, or looking despairingly at the clock, but absence seizures, the type of general epileptic seizure which used to be known as petit mal. Harriet was monitored earlier this year when it was found that she was having 100 seizures a day; each absence lasted up to 15 seconds, on average five seconds.

The type of seizure known as absences affects fewer than 5 per cent of people with epilepsy. When having one, the patient looks blank, staring, and distant. Sometimes there is a twitch of the muscles. Harriet, for instance, tends to roll her eyes upwards when having an attack. The number of seizures from which Harriet suffers has been radically reduced by a new drug, Lamictal (lamotrigine), as well as Ethosuximide, traditionally used to treat petit mal.

The number of Harriet's attacks has now been halved, and they seem less prolonged. Two other new drugs, Neurontin (gabapentin) and Sabril (vigabatrin), have also proved useful in treating patients with poor seizure control. Lamictal mercifully has a low incidence of unwelcome side effects.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Epilepsy regularly affects 350,000 people in Britain; between 2 and 5 per cent of the population will have had a seizure at some time. A third of patients with epilepsy have more than one seizure a month.

Despite its impact on individuals, families and schools, epilepsy has been neglected. A recent survey showed that 54 per cent of doctors feel they do not know enough about its causes and effects, and 90 per cent think that their knowledge of its treatment is inadequate. However, this week, teaching and research into epilepsy have been greatly strengthened by the launch of the Institute of Epileptology, which has been spawned by the Maudsley and King's College Hospitals, the Institute of Psychiatry, and other specialised units. It will take its place as one of Britain's centres of medical excellence; already more research is being carried out in it than anywhere else in Europe.

Seventy per cent of all cases of epilepsy start in childhood. Dr Graeme Jackson, senior lecturer in neurology at the Institute of Child Health, and honorary consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital, has made a study of childhood epilepsy and the difficulties it may give rise to in schooling. Dr Jackson said that loss of performance could be related to the initial damage to the brain which was responsible for the seizures. It might also stem from the seizures, or from side effects of drugs. Whatever the cause, opportunities to learn, once they are missed by a child, might have gone beyond recall.

Whenever possible the cause of epilepsy must be found, because in some cases a cure is possible.

Rural ills

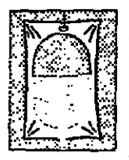


FIFTY years ago, more than a million children were evacuated from London and the South East to safer regions. The infant John Major was among those who were sent to Norfolk. Despite a ten-year-old's recent contribution to the *Journal of Epidemiology and Public Health*, which ranked the Prime Minister with sweets, chips, and red meat as a danger to health, few doctors would consider the Prime Minister a likely carrier of a dreaded disease. Yet in 1944, as an evacuee, Mr Major and his fellow children could have found themselves in this category.

The *British Medical Journal* reports on the research of Dr Leo Kinlen and S.M. John, of the Cancer Research Campaign's epidemiology unit at Oxford University, who have studied the effect of the evacuation programme on the incidence of childhood leukaemia.

The shifting of large numbers of children from densely populated city areas to sparsely populated rural districts brought mortality from leukaemia among susceptible country children into line with that of city-dwellers. In those districts which hosted the most evacuees, childhood leukaemia increased by 47 per cent. It is reasonable to assume that the mixing of children contributed to this, and that the Oxford research provides more evidence for an infective basis to childhood leukaemia.

Late cirrhosis



THERE is no reason to doubt reports that 5,000 people have caught hepatitis C from contaminated blood given during transfusion before 1991, and that 12 patients last year died from cirrhosis, which is in some cases a late complication of the infection. Once the virus had been isolated, it was accepted that many people must have been infected before the causative agent had been found, and blood for transfusion could be checked for it.

Professor Arie Zuckerman, dean of the Royal Free Hospital, London, says: "It may well be that hepatitis C represents a bigger public health problem than does hepatitis B."

The viruses responsible for hepatitis A and B were recognised many years ago, and at that time it was also known that other cases of hepatitis were the result of infection by other causative agents which had not yet been isolated.

The initial illness caused by hepatitis C is mild, but given this, there is a surprisingly large number of patients who later develop a persistent, mild, often symptom-free low-grade hepatitis. Of these, 20 per cent may, years later, sometimes up to 30 years later, develop cirrhosis. Professor Zuckerman said that response to treatment at this stage had been rather disappointing. In carefully selected patients who had been treated with Interferon combined with other anti-viral agents, early evidence suggested that not more than 40 per cent would have a good response, and that the virus would be cleared.

Why blood pressure is a mystery

What is the cause of hypertension and Britain's 30,000 stroke deaths a year? A new study serves only to fuel the controversy, as **Dr James Le Fanu** reports



JAMES HOLMES

Regular checks on blood pressure are a sensible precaution, but does reducing salt intake help the general public?

With the passage of time, words can acquire quite different connotations. "Stroke", so resonant of gentleness and seduction for the young, becomes in later life a sudden and dramatic felling. The catastrophic loss of power and intellect that may result is probably the most grievous of all misfortunes, eminently justifying the sensible precaution of having one's blood pressure checked regularly and taking appropriate medication if it is found to be raised.

Last week, a group of government-appointed experts proposed in the Coma Report that the toll of strokes — responsible for 30,000 deaths a year — would be further reduced were everyone to lower the amount of salt they consume by a third: for example, cutting down on salty foods, limiting the amount added at cooking and not adding it at table.

A reasonable suggestion certainly, and well worth adopting, were it not that many doctors, including specialists in studying and treating raised blood pressure (hypertension), disagree. When the same recommendation was made ten years ago, it met a very cool response. Thirteen hypertension experts representing eight specialist units in this country and abroad wrote collectively to *The Lancet* expressing concern that "the usual scientific standards for weighing evidence and giving advice have been forgotten in an evangelical crusade to present a simplistic view of the evidence". The proposal was, they said, "unjustified and irresponsible", while the "potential harmful consequences have not been examined".

They clearly thought that yet another dietary fad was unjustifiably being foisted on the public. But to understand why, it is necessary to take a closer look.

The blood pressure is primarily determined by smooth muscle in the walls of the arteries which, by altering their diameter, can change the resistance to the flow of blood, and thus the pressure required to push it around the circulation.

The maintenance of a steady blood pressure is without doubt the most important physiological requirement of the body, for the fairly obvious reason that the brain must have a constant blood supply. Were the blood pressure to fluctuate when, for example, we stand up or lie down, the brain would be deprived of oxygen with predictably dire consequences.

The blood pressure is therefore the best defended of all physiological functions, with half a dozen separate homeostatic mechanisms backing each other up to guarantee its stability — pressure receptors in the artery walls, hormones secreted by the kidneys, monitors of the amount of body fluids and several others besides. These mechanisms operate independently of each other; it has been shown in animal experiments that it is possible to strip away one control system after another, and still the blood pressure remains unchanged.

With the blood pressure so well protected, modest changes in salt consumption are unlikely to be very influential, not least because the concentration of salt itself in the body is rigorously controlled, so any excess is rapidly excreted; with salt deprivation, it is rigorously conserved in the kidneys.

Nonetheless, the cause of persistently raised blood pressure is not known (except in a small minority of cases), and there is some evidence that salt consumption may be implicated. Thus primitive societies where little salt is consumed have a very low frequency of hypertension, and in addition the blood pressure does not rise with age as it does in the West. Further, migration from "low" to "high" salt societies is usually accompanied by a rise in blood pressure. This has been shown many times in communities as disparate as the Easter Islanders moving to the South American mainland, and rural Zulus moving to urban areas.

Not all agree that differences in salt consumption explain this phenomenon, suggesting rather that the rise in blood pressure may be due to the stresses of urbanised western living.

Support for this "stress" theory has come from a recent study comparing the blood pressure of 144 nuns in a secluded monastic order in Umbria with a similar number of women living in close proximity.

The nuns followed the Rule of St Benedict — *ora et labora* — spending their days in absolute silence praying, doing domestic chores and gardening. Whereas the blood pressure of those living outside the walls of the nunnery rose steadily over a period of 20 years, that of the nuns remained completely unchanged. As the amount of salt consumed by the two groups was exactly the same, Dr Mario Timio of the University of Perugia — who conducted the study — attributed the difference in blood pressure to convent life, which "is virtually devoid of conflict, aggression and competition for power and money".

Much the simplest way of determining whether salt contributes significantly to hypertension is to change the amount consumed and see what happens. Extreme salt restriction does seem to lower the blood pressure, and in the early 1950s, before the discovery of effective anti-hypertensive drugs, the only treatment was a salt-free, monotonous and very unappetising diet of rice and fruit, which not surprisingly very few patients were able to stick to for any length of time.

Studies of more modest reductions in salt have given contradictory results, showing either a small effect or none at all, and in some a paradoxical increase in blood pressure.

Despite this uncertainty Dr M.R. Law of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, was able to report in the *British Medical Journal* three years ago that by combining the results of 45 separate studies, it was possible to show that if everyone reduced the amount of salt they consumed by three grammes a day, this would lower the blood pressure sufficiently to prevent 15 per cent of all strokes.

> Studies of modest salt reductions are contradictory

Regrettably this did not end the controversy, as Dr Law was promptly criticised for having heavily skewed his conclusions by including large numbers of poorly conducted studies. A more rigorous overview by John Swales, Professor of Medicine at Leicester Royal Infirmary, published later the same year, found that reducing salt "had no significant effect in those with normal blood pressure", while "a small fall" was detectable in those with hypertension, "but only with substantial sodium restriction".

"It is necessary to make a sharp distinction," Professor Swales argues, "between advising patients being treated for hypertension to change their salt intake, and making similar recommendations to the general public. The former may help a little, the latter does not."

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Raising taboos over baby fever

Why mothers reject the best method for taking an infant's temperature

ALMOST all babies develop a fever at some time during their first year of life. Mostly they are just caused by simple coughs and colds, but it is still worrying for parents, especially when the baby is less than six months old. It is difficult to figure out exactly how ill young babies are. This is probably why a child with a fever is the commonest condition a GP sees on a night visit.

The Baby Check scoring system was designed in the Newcastle area to help parents to assess how ill a baby is. A baby not eating or, more importantly, not drinking, or a baby restless and crying for long periods of time might indicate something more than a simple viral cold.

Part of the Baby Check inventory included taking the temperature, which both parents and doctors recognise as an important part of assessing a baby's illness. A thermometer was provided and instructions given about taking the temperature via the baby's rectum, as this is known to be the most accurate way of recording it. A diagram showing how to take a rectal temperature was included with the Baby Check list.

But researcher Joa Kai began to realise that very few mothers were actually recording the temperature as they were instructed, and set about trying to find out why. He interviewed about 40 parents in the area, and his results made surprising reading.

The main reason for their reluctance was anxiety about harming the child by placing the thermometer through the rectum. Moreover, at least half of the mothers interviewed were concerned that this method might be misunderstood as a form of sexual abuse. "People might think the wrong thing," said one mother, "they would say you were molesting her . . . and then you have a social worker at your door."

The vast majority of the mothers interviewed simply didn't want to take the temperature rectally. "I think it's horrible, it just doesn't seem right," said one. Most parents also preferred to take the temperature under the arm, knowing it to be less accurate, because it allowed them to cuddle the baby at the same time.

Parents were quite happy for doctors and nurses to take a rectal temperature, but not merely because of their superior medical experience: the parents expressed a social taboo about taking a temperature rectally which they were unwilling to break, and which seems to have its origin in anxiety about sexual intimacy or abuse.

A small group of mothers who were carrying out rectal assessments of temperature had all been introduced to it in hospital, and perhaps felt that this legitimised the experience.

Part of the anxiety may stem from the Cleveland sexual abuse case, where much publicity was attached to rectal and anal examination in the diagnosis of sexual abuse. Not only parents, but many doctors expressed reluctance to take rectal temperature. So in medicine, like anything else, what looks good in theory may not work in practice.

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Janet Daley



■ Everyone agrees that welfare spending must be reformed, but no one wants the job of doing it

The Queen's Speech was designed to offer the Opposition few soft targets, but there is at least one new policy into which Labour will gleefully sink its teeth. Thousands of people will be worse off as a result of a change in the way invalidity payment is to be made. Instead of being able to slip more or less automatically onto invalidity benefit after six months on sick pay, candidates will have to come before a board. GPs will no longer be put in the invidious position of being the sole judges of their patients' fitness to work. As a consequence, a great many people who are now officially classified as "invalids" will be discovered to be simply unemployed — although receiving the extra allowance due to the infirm.

This will provide a splendid opportunity for Labour (and its friends in the opinion-forming classes) to shriek about Tory cruelty. Peter Lilley will, no doubt, try to inject some coherent argument into this diatribe. He will point out that the misuse of invalidity status is defrauding the social services on an enormous scale. Even those who are in favour of high welfare spending should approve of a reform which will allow money to be spent where it is most needed, rather than disappearing uncontrollably in ways that were never intended. But his words will be lost in a din of phoney outrage.

> Let us at least be honest about the problem

To save some time, let's run through the righteous chorus in advance: "victimising the most vulnerable" ... "heartless penalising of the sick;" ... "robbing the chronically ill to pay for tax cuts for the rich" ... blah blah. There. When you hear all the shouting, remember this: no responsible government can avoid the need to reform abuses of the welfare state. Tightening up the rules on invalidity benefit — which is now one of the fastest growing categories of welfare spending — would have to be one of the first objectives of any Social Security Secretary who wanted to make good (and benevolent) use of his budget.

In public, Mr Blair and his colleagues will rail against this change, but in private they will breathe a sigh of relief that it was a Tory who did what was needed, so saving them from some opprobrium when they get into office. (At which time — I will bet anyone a bottle of good claret — they will leave this reform in place, unscathed.)

Mr Lilley will suffer all this for the merest tinkering — for a reform which is unobjectionable because it seeks to correct a blatant abuse of welfare funds. What would be done to any Social Security Secretary who took on the real problems of the welfare state is too grisly to contemplate. The Labour front bench may admit in principle that the entire social security system needs to be reconstructed — too much money is being given out indiscriminately and too little of it arrives where it is needed — but in office, they too would come up against the logic of the Eternal Beneficiary: people who receive regular payments from the state come to think of them as an inalienable right.

It was one of the shibboleths of Thatcherism that welfare dependency was debilitating to society. Everyone, in this respect, is a Thatcherite now. Mr Blair embraces the need for motivation and self-reliance as passionately as any (well, almost any) Conservative. But, given office, what would he do?

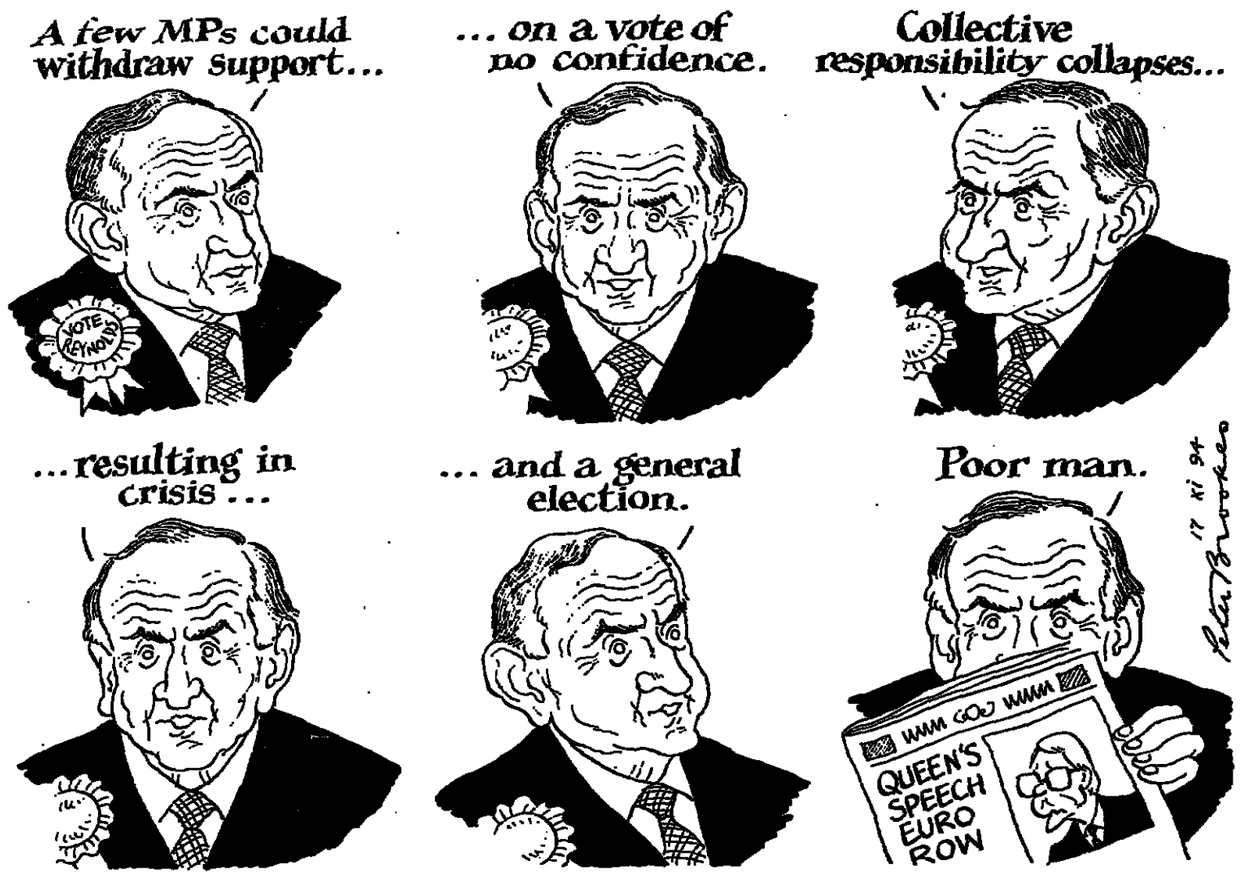
If you change benefit eligibility at a stroke, as is to happen with invalidity, you reap a whirlwind of protest. If you phase in changes, as with the equalising of the pension age, you soon reach a morally uncomfortable stage where some people are collecting benefits for which others in identical circumstances are ineligible.

More important, what is the goal toward which all this is striving? Do we want the welfare state to be a safety-net for the poor and desperate? Or is it a social bond? There will be those in Mr Blair's camp who argue that universal benefits symbolise a communality of interests — that the fashionable idea of targeting the most needy for payments would divide the nation even more damagingly into haves and have-nots.

There is no better example of the consequences of targeting than the social decline of council estates. Whereas councils once housed whole communities which had been evacuated by slum clearance, they now restrict their help to the people in most need.

In other words, housing is provided for the long-term unemployed, single parents and families with chronic disadvantages. Some more successful people have bought their council homes, but the bleaker estates have become no-hope ghettos where adults subside into defeatism, and pathological boredom pulls youngsters into crime.

And yet, sending money where it will do most good must be the only way forward. Universal benefits are a sham if they do not keep pace with the cost of living, and to do that they must break the bank — and deprive those in true need of substantial help. Even for the well-intentioned, there is no comfortable way out of this morass. Until we find one, let us at least conduct the argument honestly.



Thatcher or de Gaulle?

Italy's ruling double-act is divided — yet condemned to work together

William Rees-Mogg

When one visits Gianfranco Fini at the offices of the National Alliance in Rome, one sees at once that his party, which may once have been fascist, is not corrupt. The offices have the air of poverty-stricken enthusiasm that one would associate with the Liberal Democrats in Britain. I was driven there by a one-armed veterinary surgeon who has been a Fascist since the 1940s. His motives appeared to be purely patriotic. He volunteered for the Italian army at the age of 14, was wounded at Anzio and gave his gratuity to a fund for war widows; he lost his right arm in a scooter accident 25 years ago. If Gianfranco Fini told him to jump out of a window, I believe he would do it. I liked him.

Such patriotism is not ignoble, though fascism can obviously have terrible results. Signor Fini himself leads what was originally a fascist party, but is so no longer. He is something we have only limited experience of in Britain, a Catholic intellectual in the Latin tradition, intense, thoughtful and somewhat theoretical.

After an hour's conversation last week, I was left in no doubt that Fini is a democrat. We discussed at some length his constitutional proposals. Like Silvio Berlusconi, he is convinced that Italy needs a transformation. The difference between them is that Berlusconi, the successful entrepreneur, sees the transformation primarily as an economic one, the creation of a competitive private-enterprise state; Berlusconi is a Thatcherite. Fini sees the transformation as primarily political; he doubts the relevance of post-war British experience and admires De Gaulle more than any other post-war European leader, because "he gave life to a new model" of France. His chief objective is to win a parliamentary majority for a Gaullist constitution for Italy, with a strong president supervising the work of the prime minister. Significantly, he wants the more accountable limit of a four-year term for the president, and not the full seven years which makes French presidents so dominant.

Italy's political future depends upon the relationship between these two men, who are inevitably both partners and rivals. Berlusconi and Fini — Thatcherite and Gaullist, entrepreneur and intellectual, self-made man and academic, extrovert and introvert, businessman and politician, activist and philosopher, provide a fascinating series of contrasts. They have to stay together if either is to achieve his objective: only their partnership can defeat the Left, or prevent a return to the old politics. Fortunately, both are convinced that Italy has to be remade, economically, politically and constitutionally. They are right.

We need not worry about the Fascist past. Mussolini is not about to climb out of his tomb. More worrying is the position of Fini and the National League: roughly where the "wets" were in the early Thatcher years. Fini is a strong European. "The true unity of Europe must above all be political," he told me; he would give more power to the European Parliament; he sees the Commission becoming "a kind of European government": he regards the present European structure as too narrow, and would like it extended particularly to defence. He does not see a conflict between his Italian nationalism — which is strong — and his European beliefs. "One can only be a good European if one is a good Italian."

This extreme Europeanism is founded on his Catholic faith. "Christianity", he said, "is the basis of European unity. When I think of Europe, I do not think of banks. I think of cathedrals." Indeed for a man supposedly of the Right, he is surprisingly suspicious of bankers. His party has been cool about the privatisation which is so necessary in Italy. He himself displays the underlying suspicion of capitalism that exists in Catholic social teaching. This aspect of his thought puts him quite close to Jacques Delors.

The counterweight to Gianfranco Fini's rather corporatist Europeanism is Antonio Martino, the Foreign Minister. He is, I think, an invaluable, perhaps irreplaceable, figure in the balance that Silvio Berlusconi has to maintain. His immediate concern is proper preparation of the agenda for the 1996 post-Maastricht negotiations. He believes that the European Community "should only do what the European governments cannot do for themselves" — a version of the doctrine of subsidiarity which Berlusconi fully supports. Signor Martino does not want European interference, he does not want to give more power to the European Parliament or to the Commission. He is prepared to adopt a single currency, provided it is not inflationary. He does not accept that a single currency means a single state, any more than the gold standard did. He thinks that the social charter signed by an earlier Italian Government could potentially cause disastrous unemployment in southern Italy and Sicily. He believes that government is best "where it is smallest and closest to the people".

It is not going to be easy for Silvio Berlusconi to hold these views together. The Prime Minister is a cautious pragmatist on Europe, concentrating now on the reconstruction of Italy; the Foreign Minister is a believer in de Gaulle's concept of *L'Europe des patries*, and a convinced free-trader; the leader of the second party in the coalition is a Catholic and a good European, contemplating with equanimity a single European state. There is, however, a concern which Gianfranco Fini also expresses: he is worried by the imbalance between a reunited Germany and the rest of the European Union. "Germany is economically and geographically in the most favourable position to enter East European markets, and has the money. The great danger is that Europe has its central point in Germany: it should not have one centre but various centres. That is the bomb that may go off."

Signor Martino expresses a similar opinion. He does not think that "a United States of Europe under German leadership" (a phrase I had borrowed from Kaiser Wilhelm) would be acceptable to any Mediterranean country, or indeed to France, any more than to Britain or Denmark. I did not put this German issue to Silvio Berlusconi, but he observed that the principle of subsidiarity had been violated in past years, and that the individual nations had to "gain back freedom of decision-making to meet a country's specific needs".

I left Rome very optimistic about the prospects for Italy. Much wasted energy can be released by privatisation and deregulation. Social statistics suggest that Italy has a natural majority of the Right: the four million small businesses are the strength of the Italian economy, and those families who own a share in them are the anchor of Italian politics. Berlusconi now approaches the low point of a reforming government, when the seed has been planted but Thanksgiving Day is far off. Nevertheless, his alliance with Fini will not be broken, because neither side can afford it, and old Christian Democrat voters will increasingly be drawn towards the new democratic right. I worry about the National Alliance, not because I think it is still fascist but because it has not yet faced up to the policies needed for economic reform.

All this century, Italy has suffered from the defects of weak democracy. It was that which made Fascism attractive, just as the weaknesses of the Weimar democracy put Hitler in power. Like France, Italy needs a strong rather than a weak democratic constitution, and the French presidential model, modified to a four-year term, would be a good one. It could save democracy in Italy. If the present coalition puts constitutional reform to the Italian people at the next election, it will probably win.

I would like Signor Fini to visit Hong Kong, where he could see how a modern economy really works, and talk to Chris Patten, another serious Catholic politician much influenced by the Church's social theory. In the early Thatcher years, Chris Patten was as "wet" as Gianfranco Fini is now, for similar attractive reasons of idealism. Hong Kong has dried him out, and it might help to dry out Fini.

In the meantime, the new Italian regime has much to contribute to Europe. Antonio Martino may well be the only European Foreign Minister with a strong intellectual grasp of economics. His belief that government should be as close to the people as possible is much more realistic than the grandiose structures of a single European state. That policy would also reduce the fear of an over-dominant Germany. Each European nation needs room to follow its own national development in its own way.

Mr Major, what are you for?

Inertia is not enough, says Peter Riddell

Whoever takes over from Sarah Hogg as head of the Downing Street Policy Unit early next year faces the big challenge of defining what, after the crusading years of Thatcherism, a Conservative Government is for?

John Major's answer yesterday was that it should remedy grievances and ensure prosperity. This does not mean the Government has run out of steam. The Commons is not going to be idle or short of controversy. The jobseeker's allowance and disability rights Bills will provoke plenty of argument across the chamber. The measure to expand the European budget is already reopening Tory divisions, though Mr Major made plain that he intends to force the pace and treat the Bill as an issue of confidence. This is in marked contrast to the lengthy manoeuvring of the Maastricht battles. The Prime Minister is not going to be pushed around by the Euro-sceptics, as he was then. There will be revolts, but there is little doubt that the Bill will be approved.

But as yesterday's lacklustre debate suggested, there is little passion or excitement about the Government's programme. There will be few demonstrations over the privatisation of the Crown Agents or the commercial activities of the Atomic Energy Authority. Several Bills may help to improve the supply side of the economy, but most are completing the agenda of the past decade: for instance, promoting greater competition in the gas industry.

Mr Major himself signalled a shift to a strategy of consolidation in his party conference speech a month ago. There is nothing inherently wrong with this. The Government has to rebuild bridges to its supporters and to offended interest groups, as Gillian Shephard is now doing with teachers. And as Mr Major stresses, the economic background is favourable, with confirmation coming yesterday that inflation remains low and unemployment has fallen to around 2¼ million. Mr Major and his new advisers should be able to devise an election campaign around the themes of competent government, sustained economic growth, cuts in income tax, and waving the flag, both by sounding a nationalistic note over Europe and in arguing against constitutional reform. These tactics will present ample problems for Labour.

But this does not answer the basic question of why voters should give the Tories a record fifth term. Wanting to remain in office is insufficient. We have become so used to a Tory Government as a radical crusading force that it takes time to adjust to a more managerial style, with problems being alleviated rather than institutions being turned upside down.

During the Tories' years in office from 1951 to 1964, the keynote was consolidation. There was less of a consensus than has subsequently been claimed, but the Tories retained most of the structure of welfare capitalism created in the 1940s, while removing some of the restrictions imposed by the post-war Labour Government. The early 1950s were, for example, the years of Walter Monckton's appeasement of the unions. It was only with the Heath Government and its "quiet revolution" — though neither quiet in practice nor revolutionary in achievement — that the Tories aspired to be the party of radical change. The timing was not right for Heath, but it was for Margaret Thatcher, who had the determination to challenge the post-war settlement.

Back at the start of the Thatcher era, Sir John Hoskyns, Mrs Hogg's predecessor as head of the Policy Unit from 1979 until 1982, defined the priorities as financial stabilisation, containment of public-sector pay, removal of the inflation-link in public spending, trade union reform and ending the invincibility of the National Union of Mineworkers. All these goals were achieved long ago.

Mr Major has not defined a similarly clear programme. He has concentrated on problems left over at the end of the Thatcher era, particularly the economy and Europe. By temperament and circumstance, he has found it hard to articulate new goals. His emphasis on improving public services has been correct, but initiatives such as the Citizen's Charter have failed to inspire the public. Nor has he offered his party a lead.

Instead, we have had the type of managerial reformism typified by yesterday's Queen's Speech. Many voters will welcome that if it offers competent government. And as Mr Major is found of saying, the man in the Birmingham pub is not clamouring for the Big Idea, or for more upheavals. Yet a "safety first" or "trust me" appeal is seldom sufficient. It only works when the public is frightened about electing the main Opposition party. When they are not, as in 1929, 1945 or 1964, the Tories are vulnerable. Change for change's sake is silly, but the Tories now need to define where they are distinctive and fresh. The Downing Street Policy Unit has been accused of concentrating too much on short-term problems, of which there have been plenty. Its new head needs to focus on the longer term. But, first, Mr Major needs to decide how he would use another period in office.

Won't dance

THE *coup de grace* has been executed, I hear, on Covent Garden's extraordinary new ballet. For the *avant garde* choreographer Michael Clark, once dubbed the "bad boy of ballet", has suddenly pulled out, forcing the cancellation of the world premiere of the untitled work, scheduled for December 1.

Rumours of trouble have been circulating around the dance world for some weeks. "He has a notoriously long creative process," sighs an insider. The new work, an exceptionally rare project for the Royal Ballet, was always going to be contentious, given Clark's love of rôle-playing and his one-time dependency on drugs and drink. The work was to have featured 101 guitarists on stage, although some sceptics wondered if there would be space enough for dancers.

Covent Garden's Amanda Jones now confesses to me that Clark is pulling out because he has not managed to finish the work in time. "He explained this on Tuesday night to Anthony Dowell, director of the company, who was very disappointed to lose a new ballet."

She admits that Clark may have found it difficult to work within the repertory system. But not all of the choreographer's efforts will be lost. As part of the company's regional tour next year, the Royal Ballet will try to salvage a seven-minute *pas de deux* passage.

● *Cabinet Secretary Sir Robin Butler sadly missed Tuesday night's debate at the Oxford Union, as he was obliged to read out the Queen's Speech to the Cabinet on the eve of the new session. However, Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley did venture to Oxford to propose the motion "this House would rather make the news than report it". He had, his people tell me, already had a sneak preview.*



DIARY

Lens man

CHRISTOPHER BIGGINS, the Bunteresque actor and comedian, was sporting a new bare-faced look at Tuesday's Fantasy Ball in aid of Imperial Cancer Research at the Grosvenor House Hotel. Shouting over the cacophony of fireworks, he explained why he had abandoned his large trademark red spectacles. "Everyone has noticed that I am not wearing them. I have just discovered the joy of those marvellous disposable contact lenses," he boomed, before twinkling off to conduct the auction.

Box clever

AS THE DUBLIN Government tottered, supporters of the Ireland Fund gathered for their annual luncheon at London's Banqueting House. The Irish tycoon Tony O'Reilly was taking a break from debating the latest twists to muse on his first love: rugby football. "Of course, I shall be going to South Africa for the World Cup next year," he told me. "Why do you think I bought newspapers down there earlier this year? The first thing I checked was that they had boxes at the grounds."

Lordy!

TO SECOND the loyal address on the Lords' big day is a great honour, traditionally bestowed on a promising young "hereditary" on probation for the Tory front bench. The 10th Earl of Lindsay, 30 this Saturday, performed the role swimmingly yesterday.

Yet I hear that his loyalty was in question at the last election. On a parliamentary visit to the Camerons at the time, "Jamie" Lindsay, a keen "green", and his fellow peers were startled by John Major's victory. "We were all tuned in to the BBC World Service — but none of us, including Jamie, thought he stood a cat's chance in hell of winning," says one colleague.

Operators

ROY LILLEY, the chairman of Homewood NHS trust, may not rate patients very high in the scale of priorities, but he appears to have no more sympathy for doctors. The self-made millionaire has penned a guide for patients called *Streetwise Patients: How to get the best out of the NHS*, in which he recommends that patients assertively question their consultants' qualifications and results.

His co-author is John Spiers, who was recently ousted from his job as chairman of Brighton health trust after a vote of no confidence — by consultants.

Hurd it

DOUGLAS HURD, who cut such a distinguished figure in his Austrian Loden coat, is rightly proud of his eldest son's latest sartorial enterprise. For Nicholas, much admired by female undergraduates while at Oxford, has been modelling an Aran jersey for the up-market Boden clothing catalogue.



With nobs in: Hurd junior

The eponymous owner, Johnnie Boden, says: "Nick was a model model. We are old chums from university, and I like to use friends as models. My baby daughter Anna is required to pose occasionally — and I've even got Lord Oaksey to model a poacher's jacket."

● *A lesser Mellor beckons. For the decidedly flabby Putney MP has agreed to be sponsored by the hour to fast for Oxfam tomorrow.*

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THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

'My Government will do little more than govern'

After 15 years in office, the Conservative revolution is more or less complete, at least according to the Prime Minister. What remains to be achieved lies outside the scope of legislative change: the ordered running of the economy, the protection of Britain's interests in Europe and the attempt to secure a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

To say that all the reforms which cried out for attention in earlier years have now been carried through is to make a perfectly respectable argument. Even the privatisation of the Post Office, it can be said, was shirked by that great advocate of permanent revolution, Margaret Thatcher. The argument lacks force, however, and chiefly because it so obviously stemmed from expediency, not conviction. John Major's cry for consolidation seemed to have more to do with his shrinking majority than his political beliefs. The public could be forgiven for viewing this Queen's Speech rather as a retreat in the face of backbenchers than as a quiet confirmation that successive Tory governments have achieved all that was necessary to transform Britain.

Many of the measures are corrective attempts to tidy reforms that were badly designed in the first place. Thus, the Gas Bill will challenge the monopoly powers of the privatised British Gas; the Health Service Bill will tackle the excess bureaucracy of the reformed NHS; and the Mental Health (Supervised Discharge) Bill will address some of the weaknesses in the community care policy. Some are barely even party political: the Criminal Appeal Bill to introduce an independent body to review possible miscarriages of justice should be welcomed by all sides, as should the long-awaited Bill to enable the Channel Tunnel fast link to be built. The most contentious measure — the European Community (Finance) Bill — will draw its opposition in the first place from the Government's own benches.

It is, however, testimony to the success of both Baroness Thatcher and Mr Major in changing the country's agenda that two measures in yesterday's speech might have been deemed politically unthinkable five or ten years ago. It has been long known that unequal pension ages for men and women are not just anomalous but probably illegal. When the latter was confirmed by the European Court, there was a fear that the Government would opt either for the expensive but popular option of equalisation at 60 or for splitting the difference at 63. Instead Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, has bravely chosen 65 for both sexes: that is the most rational solution, and the one that is financially, but by no means politically, the cheapest. Mr Lilley also has a hand in the other controversial legislation, the Jobseeker's Allowance Bill, which both shortens entitlement to unemployment benefit and strengthens pressure on the unemployed to look for and be available for work.

Despite the nature of these Bills, the tone of the programme suggests that the next election is unlikely to be fought between two parties bursting with new ideas. Rather as in 1964, the governing party is likely to stress competence, experience and the state of the economy in contrast to the dangerous radicalism and inexperience of Labour. If the country is still, by then, in the mood for consolidation, such a formula could be popular, particularly if events allow the Tories to keep an advantage over Labour on Europe.

Now, as then, Labour has a new, youthful leader. Like Harold Wilson, Tony Blair spouts attractive generalities that have not been put to the test. Like Alec Douglas-Home, Mr Major will, by 1996 or 1997, have presided over several years of economic success. And it has to be remembered that Lord Home very nearly won. There is a difference, however. Lord Home had not, only a few years before the election, lost the confidence of the British people in his ability to manage the economy and keep his election promises. Regaining that trust will be Mr Major's hardest task.

EASTERN FIST

Indonesia cannot afford an occupied East Timor

Two occupations have this week stolen the attention which President Suharto of Indonesia had reserved for the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum. The first, an act of despair, is the occupation of the grounds of the American Embassy in Jakarta, by 29 Timorese students; the second, an occupation as old as some of the protesting students are, is of East Timor itself, shackled to Indonesia since 1976 as that country's "twenty-seventh province".

Given the guest-list at the Apec forum, it was unlikely that human rights in occupied East Timor — or in Indonesia, for that matter — would be accorded a prominent place on the agenda. But, although the politics of trade prevailed in the end over the politics of rights, "firm and forceful" criticism has come from the one quarter that should matter most to General Suharto, the administration in Washington.

Recent riots by students in Dili, the capital of occupied East Timor, suggest that the Timorese remain as alienated from Indonesia as they ever were. General Suharto has sought to convince his critics abroad that his administration has now adopted a more emollient approach to the Timor question. He has pointed repeatedly to the fact that Ali Alatas, his foreign minister, renowned for describing the "twenty-seventh province" as "like a sharp piece of gravel in our shoes", had talks in New York earlier this year with José Ramos Horta, the exiled Timorese leader. What he has failed to point out is that Mr Alatas refused firmly to discuss the status of the territory with Mr Ramos Horta.

General Suharto has said, also, that he would consider "very soon" the grant of autonomy or special status to the Timorese. He has failed to point out that what is meant by autonomy in the lexicon of his administration bears no relation to the concept as understood in a democratic society. Senior spokesmen for his government have stressed that "the autonomy in East Timor has to be the same as the autonomy in other provinces".

The Timorese are not impressed by these empty palliatives. Nor should others be. In the 18 years of their vassalage to Jakarta, over 200,000 have been murdered by the Indonesian armed forces. The Timorese have witnessed, also, the illegal colonisation of their lands by some 100,000 Javanese, the imposition of an alien language and systematic assaults on their culture and religion. Yet while its methods are harshest in occupied East Timor, General Suharto's government has abused its powers in the 26 other provinces of the unwieldy archipelago: newspapers are banned arbitrarily, union members are imprisoned and counter-insurgency campaigns in Aceh and Irian Jaya have led to a disconcerting pattern of human rights violations.

It is the Timorese, however, who command immediate attention. Their subjugation only serves Jakarta ill. The cost to General Suharto of holding Dili is more than merely financial: it is, most tellingly, a drain on the dwindling fund of good will which the General has with his democratic allies in the western world. Indonesia cannot afford to persevere with an occupation which saps it politically, retards its modernity and offers nothing but opprobrium in return.

LOOK BEHIND YOU!

If Widow Twankey doesn't get you, Wishee-Washee will

Robin Hood, Robin Hood, with tap-dancer's whirls,
Robin Hood, Robin Hood, in his female curls,
Looks like a Ms, and so he is,
Robin Hood, Robin Hood, principal girl.

England's oldest living legend can be seen again next month at the Old Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead. And the mention of old legends does not imply that Robin Hood is being performed by Ian Botham. Robin is also appearing at the Grand Theatre & Opera House at Leeds, accompanied by the Babes in the Wood instead of Friar Tuck, and in a dozen other theatres from Londonderry to Middlesbrough, and Exeter to Inverness. Other myths waiting in the wings for their annual cues include a dozen Cinderellas, more Aladdins than you would care to shake a lamp at, enough Dick Whittingtons to start a cattery. Jack the Giant Killer was first performed at Drury Lane in 1773, and has hardly missed a year since.

Today we list a selection from more than 250 pantomimes and Christmas shows for the winter season. With summer festivals, these are the most enduring productions of British theatrical life, to the indignation of the high-minded. British summer weather works against the former. Everything ought to be against the latter.

Although most foreigners find pantomime incomprehensible, stars of Australian soap operas are happy to earn pantomime money for turning their famous faces to buffoonery or sentimental spoonery. Equity tried complaining that its out-of-work members could play the undemanding roles given to celebrities. But a personality or at least a recognisable face from children's television has become as essential a draw as Dan Leno and Marie Lloyd were a century ago. And Botham is now a veteran pantomimic.

The catchphrases and jokes are unrecognisable to those who are not addicts of the simpler television programmes, and the transvestism is odd. The slapstick of brokers' men wallpapering rooms is coarse and the jokes are suggestive, if not explicit. Far from being in dumb show, as its etymology suggests, pantomime is a constant stream of bad jokes and repartee.

The snooty explanation would be to deplore British theatrical taste. But popular taste is by definition vulgar. Tragedy and comedy had their roots in a mixture of song, dance, myth and topical references. Some of them are as unintelligible today as the references to *EastEnders* will be in a century. Many local theatres survive for the rest of the year (to stage more adventurous productions) on the money they make from their Christmas shows. Anything that gets families off their television sofas into a communal jaunt is good, even if all that they hear is fall-out from television. The glitter and vulgarity are Dickensian and Falstaffian. Nobody has to go. But nobody should sneer at something that has remained popular for so long.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Where doctors' loyalties should lie

From Mrs Rosie Varley

Sir, I am deeply concerned by the remarks made by Roy Lilley, Chairman of Homewood NHS Trust (report, November 14). The suggestion that a doctor's first loyalty is to his employer rather than the patient is a perversion of the raison d'etre of NHS trusts. These trusts exist to enable clinicians to meet the needs of patients in the most effective and efficient way. Managers must serve doctors.

Certainly resources are finite and tensions sometimes arise between the need of an individual and the necessity to maximise the benefit to the community. Whereas in the past these issues were disguised by the arbitrary mechanism of the waiting list, they are now being resolved through the contracting process between NHS trusts and health service purchasers in which, of course, clinicians should be fully involved.

As expensive drugs and treatments become available, protocols must be agreed between doctors and managers as to whom they should be given, in which circumstances, and at what cost. Such teamwork lies at the heart of NHS trusts and it allows local priorities to be established on the basis of clinical and objective data.

Mr Lilley is expressing an individual view; the larger experience shows that doctors are keen to work with managers in operating these procedures.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ROSIE VARLEY (Chairman,
Mid-Anglia Community NHS Trust),
Crown Yard, Herrings Lane,
Burnham Market, Norfolk.
November 14.

From Ms Karen Blakeley

Sir, Your leading article, "Hippocratic trusts" (November 14), stated that "doctors must ensure that they are ... loyal to the organisation they serve. No patient could possibly disagree with that".

In my view the idea of an individual being loyal to an organisation is dangerous and naive. Unfortunately organisations are often coalitions of distinct interest groups all trying to battle for the right to determine the values and goals upheld by the organisation at any one time. Many of these interest groups would assert that they are being loyal to the organisation by fighting for their values against those of the dominant coalition.

This, I believe, is what the BMA is doing with regard to the present issue. Personally, I would rather have doctors and other carers define the values and goals of NHS trusts than business appointees of the Conservative Government.

Yours faithfully,
KAREN BLAKELEY,
Riverside House, Wildmoor,
Sherfield on Loddon,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
November 14.

From Mr James Johnson

Sir, NHS trusts have not diminished the doctors' role in the organisation of the hospital, as your leading article suggests. The very reverse is true. In my own hospital, as in many others, prior to the NHS reforms, the management was conducted by lay people advised by a medical executive committee. Now the majority of the management board consists of clinical directors, i.e., doctors.

This gives doctors an increasing responsibility and influence in management. We are moving in this direction but this trend will not be helped by irresponsible language, from whatever quarter.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES JOHNSON
(Chairman, Central Consultants and Specialists Committee),
British Medical Association,
BMA House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
November 14.

From Mrs Mikaela Stainton

Sir, Congratulations on your editorial. Consultants and the BMA appear to tolerate no criticism of their practices — no matter how justified — as anyone reading exactly what Mr Roy Lilley said would agree.

What is "hippocratic" about the practice of ganging up and refusing to accept rules and standards which apply to all other professions where human life is at risk?

Yours faithfully,
MIKAELA STAINTON,
Coombe Manor,
Hastingleigh, Ashford, Kent.
November 15.

From Mr T. F. W. Mackeown

Sir, Your report (November 7) that the number of managers in the NHS is now over 20,000 after a rise of 13 per cent in a year makes one wonder if there is any central control over these appointments.

During the 18 years 1946 to 1964 when I was administrator of the University College Hospital Group with, at one time, over 1,100 beds, there were no other managers there. With its full complement of medical, paramedical and nursing staff the hospital ran well to the general satisfaction of patients, staff and the local community which it served.

Such management as was necessary was largely the responsibility of the head of the department concerned, and he, or she, was controlled by the departmental budget which acted as a successful check on overspending.

With the exception of the current managers can there be anyone who approves of the apparent power given to hospital managers today?

Yours faithfully,
T. F. W. MACKEOWN,
4 West Hill Court,
Millfield Lane, N6.
November 7.

Discordant nights at the opera

From the General Director of the Royal Opera House

Sir, Bernard Levin ("A sound for sore eyes", November 11) asks why I did not, when Richard Jones showed me his ideas for *Das Rheingold* and *Die Walküre*, throw him downstairs. The answer is that I liked them, and still do.

He asks why the singers and the conductor did not refuse to go along with them. They perhaps will speak for themselves, but I can say that I was much encouraged, in the weeks before we opened, by the enthusiasm for the production the artists expressed to me, and by their commitment to it. Furthermore, they have said categorically that the great performances they gave were achieved working with the director, and not in spite of him.

Bernard Levin's repeated visits to Covent Garden for all our Wagner productions enliven your pages, and benefit our bar profits. I look forward to welcoming him to *Siegfried*.

Yours etc,
JEREMY ISAACS,
General Director,
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2.
November 11.

From Mr Alan Thomas

Sir, Only a financial disaster will ensure that Jeremy Isaacs is never tempted to place rubbish before us again. We suffering dogs in the cramped, expensive seats (when will they ever rebuild the place?) must not buy tickets for *Siegfried* and *Götterdämmerung*.

I am sorry for those who have already paid up for the full *Ring* cycle. They can return their tickets in the hope of a re-sale, albeit remote. For the rest of us, we should wait for conductors and stars to come to our rescue, as Bernard Levin suggests, and refuse to participate in such tomfoolery.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ALAN THOMAS,
9 Burnsall Street, Chelsea, SW3.
November 12.

From June, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair

Sir, Hear, hear, Mr Levin, you speak for a growing number of us. Some years ago I took issue over a production of *Don Giovanni*, which was played partly in a public lavatory, and, in spite of ravishing singers, appeared to have little relation to the story at all, but inevitably I was regarded as hopelessly old-fashioned.

Why are the music, and the composers, not allowed to speak for themselves without this so-called "updating"? They really do know best.

Yours faithfully,
JUNE GORDON,
Haddo House, Aberdeen.
November 11.

From Dr Jamie Harrison

Sir, Bernard Levin's diatribe contains one flaw. Might it not be the very qualities of imagination and re-thinking he so castigates in modern stagings of Wagner which bring out the best in the performers he so rightly applauds? Perhaps today's producers and designers work more magic than we realise.

Yours etc,
JAMIE HARRISON,
5 Dunelm Court,
South Street, Durham.

From Mrs Patricia Mommersteeg

Sir, I am so sad, Bernard Levin has become very old.

I have grown up along with him, relishing every word he has written about Wagner and Mozart. I am becoming old in years but my cheers of bravo for Richard Jones at Covent Garden and Deborah Warner at Glyndebourne were louder than any boo.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA MOMMERSTEEG,
Church House,
Chelveston-cum-Caldecott,
Nr Wellingborough,
Northamptonshire.

From Dr J. I. S. Robertson

Sir, Bernard Levin's incitement of distinguished musicians to withdraw their participation from inappropriately designed and produced operas is helpful. The artists are nevertheless at least paid to endure this embarrassment: the audience has to fork out.

It might assist further if designers were obliged to take their bows wearing some of the costumes presently foisted on others.

Yours faithfully,
J. I. S. ROBERTSON,
Elmbank,
Manse Road, Bowling, Glasgow.

Active sleep

From Dr Adrian Williams

Sir, Lord Longford's unfortunate bump on the head during his dream about tennis (as reported in Nigel Hawkes's Science Briefing, November 14) may have led some readers to wonder why injuries are not more common during dreaming sleep.

Acting out dreams is prevented, in fact, by inhibiting muscle activity. A defining characteristic of the phase of sleep during which most dreaming occurs (rapid eye movement, or REM sleep) is inhibition of activity or tone in all muscles except the diaphragm and those producing eye movements.

Persistence of this "active" paralysis into wakefulness occasionally occurs briefly in the morning when it is known as sleep paralysis. A loss of this active inhibition of motor activity was induced experimentally in cats by the French neurophysiologist Jouvet in 1976. These animals were then observed to move around during sleep as if stalking (is this evidence that they dream?).

The first instances in humans were described in 1986 and subsequently such REM-sleep behaviour disorder has been increasingly recognised and often gratifyingly treated.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. WILLIAMS
(Co-Director),
UMDS Sleep Disorders Centre,
Lane-Fox Respiratory Unit,
St Thomas' Hospital,
Lambeth Palace Road, SE1.
November 15.

Falklands survivors

From Mr S. A. Macfarlane

Sir, As a fellow survivor of *HMS Coventry* and a senior rate who held Commander Richard Lane in high esteem I am very sad and feel for him and his family at this traumatic time ("Falklands officer with stress disorder dismissed for theft", November 8).

Post-traumatic stress disorder manifests itself in many ways and at the oddest of times, both close to the event and many years afterwards. There must have been more that the Royal Navy could have done to help someone who had borne that suffering than just providing counselling.

I have seen many instances of the effects of the Falklands War rising to the surface, some very sad and desperate. In one instance a leading seaman was sent home from sea classified as "mentally unstable", because he could no longer face the stress of the atmosphere in the operations room of a Type 42 destroyer after the tragedy of *HMS Coventry*.

I note in your report that a Royal Navy spokeswoman confirmed that Commander Lane would have received counselling for his experiences in the Falklands. Her statement appears to imply aftercare as a matter of course, but I have never seen any evidence of that unless you realise you have a problem and ask for it. I personally was never offered any form of counselling and am not aware of any of my friends or colleagues having been either, yet there must be many more "time bombs ticking away" out there.

It is worthy of note that the *HMS Coventry* memorial service can no longer be held in St Anne's Church in Portsmouth Naval Base due to budget considerations by a thoughtful and caring Royal Navy.

I can understand what must have been happening to Commander Lane. "Survivor" was a dirty word for quite a period.

I hope time and patience will heal the scars and know without doubt that anyone else who suffers wishes him the very best for the future.

Yours faithfully,
SAM MACFARLANE
(Radio Supervisor,
HMS Coventry, 1982),
50 King George Road,
Walderslade, Chatham, Kent.
November 8.

Airport tax anomaly

From Dr Robert M. Bruce-Chwatt

Sir, There is no reference in Harvey Elliott's article, "Fears grow over new flight taxes" (November 10), to an important anomaly in air passenger duty. The passenger pays APD only once if returning to his originating airport, but twice if he does not.

Thus Heathrow-Charles de Gaulle-Heathrow costs £5, but Heathrow-Charles de Gaulle-Gatwick costs £10. This is true of all flights when the airport of exit is not the same as the airport of re-entry, except for Gibraltar (which counts as a colony). Hong Kong, still a colony until 1997, nevertheless rates a tenner, even if you come back to your airport of origin.

Thus the UK airport tax can often be double the rate that the Government would have us believe, as I recently found out to my cost.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT M. BRUCE-CHWATT,
York Lodge,
1 York Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Trade marks trap

From Mr Keith Havelock

Sir, In addition to the changes in the law concerning the protection of trade marks in the United Kingdom brought about by the Trade Marks Act 1994 (letters, November 7, 14), a very significant change affecting overseas rights will take place when the United Kingdom ratifies the Madrid Protocol in 1995.

The new Act gives the Secretary of State power to put the provisions of this international agreement into effect quickly and this will enable British companies for the first time to file applications for registration of their marks in a large number of countries simultaneously by means of a single deposit.

It will also become possible, later, for British companies to register marks under the Community Trade Mark Regulation, applicable across the whole of the expanding European Union. This could be even more significant as the regulation is a completely new law producing one registration covering the whole area of the Union, whereas the Madrid system produces in effect a bundle of applications capable of being refused country by country.

Yours truly,
KEITH HAVELOCK (Partner),
D. Young & Co
(Patent and trade mark attorneys),
21 New Fetter Lane, EC4.

Golf club parity

From Mrs Margaret Mole

Sir, I think your diarist (November 8) may be somewhat naive to believe that the ladies of Northwood Golf Club have obtained equal membership rights through the gallantry and fair-mindedness of the new committee. Perhaps so, but in the club I belong to it was the discovery that we were contravening the Licensing Act, and thus putting the renewal of the liquor licence in jeopardy, that concentrated the minds of the gentlemen members so wonderfully.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET MOLE,
Merrywell Mews,
Five Wells Lane, Helston, Cornwall.

Information costs

From Mr Andrew Hendrie

Sir, Since 1980 I have been studying the records of squadrons which served under the control of RAF Coastal Command, and I therefore read your letters on the cost of obtaining information (November 14) with some interest.

After writing three books covering operations of three types of aircraft, I intended writing one on the Wellington, and in January 1992 I requested an estimate of the cost of microfilm copies of the records of some of the Wellington squadrons. The Public Record Office at Kew sent me an invoice for £428.30, stating a "unit price" of £47 per 100ft.

The National Archives in Canada, a commercial undertaking, is able to provide 100ft of film for $14 (say £7). Charges from the USA for either USN or USAF records are comparable with the Canadian charges. Why can't we, too, privatise these services?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW HENDRIE,
Sandy Ridge, Amberley Road,
Storrington, West Sussex.
November 14.

Cutting it fine

From Mr G. D. H. Whitaker

Sir, Mr Hyman (letter, November 3) has an easy time of it. My wife and I had to run the gauntlet of the Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital in Aldershot, outside which stands a sign saying "to gynaecological and antinatal clinic".

Yours etc,
G. D. H. WHITAKER,
175 Elborough Street, SW18.

Out of order

From Mr Ansel Harris

Sir, Although modern biblical criticism is still debating the authorship of the Book of Psalms, there is no debate that it predated the Prayer Book (1549). So the quotation "Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, for there is no help in them", the third verse of Psalm 146, did not appear "originally in the Prayer Book" (Bernard Levin, November 15).

I, like Mr Levin, am tempted to write that my "favourite recreation" is *Schadenfreude*.

Yours faithfully,
ANSEL HARRIS,
23 Ferncroft Avenue, NW3.
November 15.

Severn Bridge tolls

From Mr Richard James

Sir, I am informed that it costs nothing to drive to England (Mr Abbott's letter, November 12). To get out will soon cost £3.70.

No comment.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD JAMES,
100 Newfoundland Road,
Gabalfa, Cardiff.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 16: The Queen, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, went in State to the Palace of Westminster today to open the Session of Parliament.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, and were received at the Sovereign's Entrance by the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Earl Marshal.

Guards of Honour were mounted at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard found by 1st Battalion Irish Guards and at the Palace of Westminster by 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

A staircase party of the Household Cavalry was on duty at Victoria Tower, House of Lords.

Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and from the Tower of London Saluting Battery by the Honourable Artillery Company.

The Imperial State Crown, the Sword of State and the Cap of Maintenance were conveyed previously to the House of Lords in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Regalia Escort of the Household Cavalry.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms was on duty in the Prince's Chamber and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard was on duty in the Royal Gallery.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting and the Pages of Honour to The Queen were in attendance at the Palace of Westminster.

The Queen and The Prince of Wales returned to Buckingham Palace and were received by the Lord Chamberlain and the Vice-Chamberlain of the Household.

The President of the Republic of Kenya visited Her Majesty this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 16: The Prince Edward, President, National Youth Music Theatre, this evening attended a Dinner at St James's Palace.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 16: The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon attended the Prudential Youth Action Seminar "Building Partnerships with Young People" at Prudential Headquarters, 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, afterwards visited the Library, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, this evening attended a Reception at Buckingham Palace to relaunch the Corporate Membership Scheme.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later attended a Dinner at Prudential Headquarters, 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

November 16: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Central Flying School, was present this evening at a Reception at the Royal Air Force Club to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Red Arrows.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox, Sir Alastair Aird and Major Colin Burgess were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 16: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this afternoon visited Cornwall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lady Mary Holborow).

His Royal Highness opened the Civil Terminal at Newquay Airport.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, later visited the Enterprise Centre, Redruth.

His Royal Highness, President, the Prince's Trust, afterwards met those involved with the Volunteers Programme in Cornwall at the Sports Hall, Cornwall College, Camborne.

The Prince of Wales subsequently attended a Reception at Cornwall College to launch the "In Pursuit of Excellence" campaign.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present at the State Opening of Parliament this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 16: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this morning at the State Opening of Parliament, House of Lords, Westminster, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 16: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Digital Information Revolution Conference, held by the European Informatics Market and the Federation of Electronics Industries, Westminster Central Hall, London SW1.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent this morning attended the State Opening of Parliament.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon visited the Campden Food and Drink Research Association, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, this evening attended the International Social Service's 70th Anniversary Concert hosted by the Ambassador of France, Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joost van den Vondel, poet and dramatist, Cologne, 1587; Sieur de la Vérendrye, explorer and fur trader, Trois-Rivières, Quebec, 1685; Jean le Rond d'Alembert, mathematician, Paris, 1717.

Louis XVIII, King of France 1795-1824, Versailles, 1755; August Möbius, astronomer, Schulpforta, Germany, 1790; Louis-Hubert Lyautey, Marshal of France, Nancy, 1854; Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of El Alamein, London, 1887; Queen Astrid, Consort of King Leopold III of Belgium, Stockholm, 1905; Rock Hudson, actor, Winnetka, Illinois, 1925.

DEATHS: Giovanni Pico della Mirandola, philosopher, Florence, 1494; Queen Mary I, reigned 1553-58, London, 1558; Alain Rèné Le Sage, novelist, Boulogne, 1747; Robert Owen, social reformer, Newtown, Powys, 1858; Norman Shaw, architect, London, 1912; Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Meudon, France, 1917; Eric Gill, artist, sculptor and typographer, Harefield, Uxbridge, 1940.

Sir Walter Raleigh went on trial for treason in 1603.

The Suez Canal was formally opened, 1869.

The first women to graduate in Britain received their Bachelor of Arts degrees from London University, 1880.

The first ship passed through the Panama Canal, 1913.

Siberia voted for union with the USSR in 1922.

Sale will recall age of 'lady' pioneers

BY JOHN SHAW

THE Hon. Mrs Victor Bruce was window shopping in Burlington Gardens, Mayfair, when she bought her first aeroplane, a two-engined Bluebird IV costing £550. She had already won the women's section of the Monte Carlo Rally in 1927, the same year she broke records for a double crossing of the English Channel in an outboard motorboat.

This time her attention turned to the air. After only 40 flying hours, she took off for Tokyo from Heston Aerodrome at 4am one morning in 1930. The goggles, compass and log book from the flight are now being sold by Phillips in London on November 21.

Mrs Bruce died aged 94 in 1990, but the items bring back an age famous for the courage of its solo women pilots. Although she excelled in a man's world, Mrs Bruce always remained a lady. A silk blouse and a double string of pearls were always worn underneath her flying leathers. One of the last things she did before taking off, watched only by a few mechanics and her family, was to powder her nose.

"She was always very feminine and took great trouble to appear so," said her son, Anthony Easter-Bruce, 74, who has just moved to a smaller house and is selling his mother's possessions for about £3,000.

Born Mary Petre in Essex, she became the first woman to appear in court for speeding. She had been doing 67mph on her brother's Matchless motorcycle when only 15, her dog in the sidecar. Always determined to enter the competitive world of driving, she raced at Brooklands and took a touring car into the Arctic Circle.

Sometimes she went alone, sometimes with her husband, the fourth son of the 2nd Lord Aberdare. The Twenties was an era of motoring records and within a few years she had broken 117 of them. She crossed the Atlantic and Pacific by sea during her flight and also had three bad crashes. But she persisted and was welcomed home by the Government of the day.

For a woman prepared to tackle a hazardous adventure at a moment's notice, the flight was an incident in her life rather than its peak.

Mr Easter-Bruce said his mother had a vivid personality which remained undimmed. "She took a refresher course in flying, looped the loop over Bristol when she was 82 and said it took 50 years off her life. Her death left a great gap."



The Hon. Mrs Victor Bruce, who bought a plane for £550 in which to fly to Tokyo

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.H. Jolly and Miss A.M.C. Stirling

The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alec Jolly, of Yelvertoft, Northants, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Stirling, of Chipperfield, Herts.

Mr P.S. O'Leary and Miss S.P. Rawson

The engagement is announced between Paul Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew O'Leary, of Great Somerford, and Susanna Priestley, younger daughter of Mr Peter Rawson, of Nether Wallop, and Mrs Patricia Rawson, of Teddington.

Mr A.E. Payne and Miss A.M. Coleman

The engagement is announced between Antony Edgar, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Payne, of Swynnerton, Staffs, and Alison Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Coleman, of Stamford, Lincs and Washington DC.

Mr F.A.J. Piggott and The Hon Natasha Vivian

The engagement is announced between Jamie, eldest son of Mr F.J.R. Piggott, of Belgravia, London, and of Mrs S.C.M. Scott, of Antibes, France, and Natasha, elder daughter of Brigadier The Lord Vivian and Lady Vivian, of Chelsea, London.

Mr A.R.G. Robson and Miss J.S. Daymond

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs Jill Robson, of Mells, Somerset and the late Mr Peter-John Robson, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Daymond, of Newton Abbot, Devon.

Mr T.J. Southwood and Miss C.L. Hull

The engagement is announced between Terry, only son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Southwood, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Caroline, younger daughter of His Honour Judge John Hull, QC, and Mrs Hull, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr D.McC. Taylor and Miss D.A. Horton

The engagement is announced between Dwayne McCaughey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Taylor, of Belfast, and Danielle Alexa, only daughter of Dr John Horton, of Florida, USA, and Mrs Joanne Horton, of Chipping Campden, Glouc.

Dr C.M. Tench and Miss A.L. Gulliver

The engagement is announced between Colin, eldest son of the late Dr Anthony Tench and of Mrs Anne Tench, of Wantage, Oxfordshire, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Gulliver, of Thorpe, Surrey.

Mr E.F.P. Whitcomb and Miss M.R. Loyd

The engagement is announced between Ellis, son of Major and Mrs Stuart Whitcomb, of Hatfield Park, Herts, and Mary Rose, younger daughter of Sir Julian and Lady Loyd, of Burnham Market, Norfolk.

Mr C.B. Wilson and Miss S.C. Carr

The engagement is announced between Chance Blane, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Freddie Wilson, of Tydd, Cambs, and Sarah Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Carr, of Longtown, Cumbria.

Marriage

Mr J.E.N. Peters and Mrs J.G. Ellis

The marriage took place on Monday, November 14, at the Church of St Martin, Sherford, Devonshire, between Mr John E.N. Peters and Mrs Joan Ellis, widow of the late Dr Dennis Ellis. The Rev T. Jenkin Jones officiated.

Radio awards

Sandford St Martin Trust

The Right Rev Lord Runcie presented the Sandford St Martin Awards for outstanding religious programmes on radio in the past two years at a reception and luncheon held yesterday at Lambeth Palace, by permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Dean of Westminster, chairman of the trustees, received the guests.

The Chair of the Judges was Baroness Warnock.

Schools news

Elstree School

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr S.M. Hill, MA, Housemaster of No 1 House, Malvern College, as Headmaster of Elstree from September 1995 on the retirement of Mr T.B. McMullen, TD, MA.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Eastchurch, Church of England Primary School, near Sheerness, Kent, at 10.50; will visit Abbott Laboratories, Queenborough, at noon; will have luncheon at Chatham Historic Dockyard at 1.15; will visit the Chatham Maritime Project in the dockyard at 3.10; and will visit the Hospital of Sir John Hawkins at 3.45.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; will visit the Royal Academy Italian exhibition at the Royal Academy at 6.30; and, as President of The Prince's Trust, will attend a concert given by Meat Loaf at the Albert Hall at 8.00.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend a performance of Cinderella given by the Northern Ballet Theatre at Sadler's Wells at 7.00 and will attend a dinner afterwards at the Savoy Hotel.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of Youth Clubs Scotland, will attend the finals of the BP/Youth Clubs Scotland Grizzly Challenge and Gruff Kids projects at the Exhibition Centre, Aberdeen, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new Brockmoor Primary School, Dudley, at 11.55; will visit the Broadfield House Museum at 12.50; and will open the Jephson Housing Association's Chaddesley Court, Wolverhampton Street, at 2.15.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new music school at St Mary's School, Ascot, at 11.30.

Dinners

The Pilgrims

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the speaker at a dinner of The Pilgrims held last night at the Café Royal. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, president, presided and Professor Robert Worcester, chairman, also spoke. Among others present were: Viscount Eccles, CH, the Right Rev R D Say, Lord Astor of Hever, Irene Lady Astor of Hever, Lord Sherfield, Baroness Young, Sir Anthony Acland, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, Sir Frank Roberts, Dame Anne Warburton, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Mr P James Butler, Mr Robert Sigmon, Mr Edward J Streator, Mr Peter Barton, Mr Timothy Deal and Mr M W Lewis.

Past Overseers' Society

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Past Overseers' Society of St Margaret and St John, Westminster held last night at the Carlton Club. Mr C.A. Prendergast, chairman, presided. Sir Godfrey Taylor also spoke.

Inner Temple

The Treasurer, Sir Stephen Brown, and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple entertained the following guests at dinner last night, the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term:

The Earl of Airlie, KT, and the Countess of Airlie, the Bishop of Birmingham, Lord Blake, Baroness Faithfull, Lord Ackner, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, Sir Tasker Watkins, VC, Sir Christopher Slade (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Russell, Sir Denis Thatcher, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, Mr Harry Lewis and Dame Vera Lynn, Dame Margaret Booth, Sir Michael Davies, Sir Robin Day, Lady Mackay of Clashfern, Lady Brown, Lady Purchas, Lady Hirst, Canon Joseph Robinson (Master of the Temple Church), Captain P T Sheehan, RN (sub-treasurer) and Mrs Sheehan, Mr Peter Brown, Mr Philip Cox, QC, Mr Daniel Hollis, QC, (treasurer, Middle Temple), Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Mr Alderman Bryan Toye, Mr Roy de Courcy Chapman, Mr Nicholas de Bazille Corbin, Mr Nunc Wilcox and Brigadier Peter Little (sub-treasurer designate).

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Institute of Materials. Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, Mr T. Kurachi and Mr John Chisholm also spoke.

Royal Free Hospital

The Triennial Dinner of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine Old Students' Association was held last night at the Apothecaries' Hall. The guest of honour was Lady Healey and the guests were received by the President, Miss Valerie Thompson.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Mr John Allen presided at the annual dinner of the Quantity Surveyors division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir Michael Latham and Mr Derek Nimmo also spoke.

The Anchorites

Mr P.C.K. O'Ferrall, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, was the principal guest at a dinner of The Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. Commander O.D. Somerville Jones was the president.

English-Speaking Union

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein and Mr Alistair Horne were the guest speakers at a literary dinner of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, held last night at Dartmouth House. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman, presided. The Earl of Stockton also spoke. The chairman and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director-general, welcomed the guests.

National Employers' Liaison Committee

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the principal guest at a dinner held yesterday at HM Tower of London for members of the National Employers' Liaison Committee for the Territorial and Volunteer Reserve Forces. Sir Alexander Graham, chairman, presided.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Chairman of the Kuwaiti National POWs Committee.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce

The Canadian High Commissioner was present at a joint luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and the British-American Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. Mr Hollis Harris, Chairman of Air Canada was the guest of honour and speaker. Mr Denis Keast, president of the Canada-UK Chamber was in the chair.

Receptions

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr John Ward, Chairman of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the executive committee, were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at the Palace of Westminster after the State Opening of Parliament.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, chairman of the executive committee, and Mr George Foulkes, MP, joint honorary treasurer, were the hosts yesterday at a reception held at the Houses of Parliament by the Executive Committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for the High Commissioners and other representatives of Commonwealth countries in London and visiting Commonwealth members attending the State Opening of Parliament.

Birthdays today

Ms Lesley Abdela, founder, all-Party 300 Group for women in Politics and Public Life, 49; Sir Jeremy Beecham, chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 50; Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, 62; Dr S.L. Bragg, aeronautical engineer, 71; Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP, 50; Dr G. Bulmer, former rector, Liverpool Polytechnic, 74; Mr Peter Cook, actor and writer, 57; Lord Craigmyle, 71; Mr Danny DeVito, actor, 50; Mr John Dobson, tenor, 64; Mr James Dunnachie, MP, 64.

Mr David Emanuel, fashion designer, 42; Miss Fenella Fielding, actress, 60; Mr Michael Freeman, orthopaedic surgeon, 63; the Rev Dr Kenneth Greet, former president, Methodist Conference, 76; General Sir Charles Guthrie, 56; Mr Jeremy Hanley, chairman, Conservative Party, 49; Mr P.R.S. Hartnack, comptroller general and chief executive, The Patent Office, 52; Mr Colin Hayes, painter, 75; Professor Anthony King, professor of government, 60; Mr J.L. Lowther, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, 71; Sir Charles Mackerras, conductor, 69; Professor Ravinder Maini, rheumatologist, 57; Sir Godfrey Messervy, former chairman, Costain Group, 70; Sir Leslie Murphy, non-executive director, PEL Group, 79; Lord Polwarth, 78; Professor L.H. Rees, dean, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, 52; Mr Jonathan Ross, broadcaster, 34; the Right Rev John Satterthwaite, former Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, 69; Mr Martin Scorsese, film director, 52; Mr John Wells, writer, actor and director, 58.

Will

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BIRTHS

BEST - On November 14th, to Lorraine and Alexander, a daughter.

BOSWALL - On November 15th, in Zimbabwe, to Annet and Peregrine, a brother and sister for Jessica.

COCKERELL - On 15th October, to Anna (Lloyd) and Michael, a daughter, Rachel Imogen.

CREGO - On November 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Sharon (née Rome) and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Jessica, sister for Adam and Robert.

GLASS - On November 10th 1994, to Lesley (née Brunskill) and John, a son, Cameron James Campbell, a brother for Lorna.

GRANT-WOOD - On 31st October, to Caroline (née Hughes) and Colean, a daughter, India Caroline.

HANROTT-GRIGGS - On 3rd November, to Jane Hanrott and Richard Griggs, a daughter, Josephine Frances.

HILL - On November 16th 1994, to Felicity (née Daintry) and Adrian, a son, Henry John Claude, a brother for Phoebe.

BIRTHS

KIMBER - On November 13th at The Portland Hospital, to James and Lesley, a beautiful daughter, Fleur Alice.

KWOK - On November 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicolette and Frederick, a wonderful son, Dominic Dexin.

LANNING - On November 7th 1994, to Mary Susan (née Lysaght) and John, a daughter, Gemma Katherine Amy, a sister for Sophie.

MOULDER - On November 15th, to Jennifer (née Lance) and Richard, a daughter, Isobel Rose.

PURVIS - On November 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Glenn and Richelle, a beautiful daughter, Whitney Ann.

REES - On Wednesday October 5th 1994, to Fiona (née Gibb) and Christopher, a son, Andrew Charles, a brother for Isobel.

VERLAAN - On October 19th at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, to Jane (née Kingham) and Brian, a daughter, Abigail Rose, a sister for Sophie.

WALKER - On November 13th, in Edinburgh, to Olivia (née Schofield) and James, a daughter, Eleanor Sophie Arietta, a sister for George, Imogen and Fiona.

YARD - On 15th November 1994 at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Carolyne (née Wiper) and Ian, a daughter, Eleanor Mary, a sister to Angus and William.

DEATHS

CARROLL - Norah Winifred (Judy) died suddenly at her home in Brighton, wonderful wife and auntie to many. Loved by all who came in contact with her. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Tuesday 22nd November at 11.45 am. Enquiries to Hanningtons Funeral Directors, Hove, tel: (0273) 778733.

COWEY - On 16th November 1994, at East Leake Hall R/H, peacefully after a brave fight, Peggy, much loved and loving wife of Brigadier B.T.V. Cowey DSO, OBE, DL. Funeral at St Mary's Church, East Leake, at 1 pm on Tuesday 22nd November. Family flowers only. Donations for East Leake Hall, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6LQ.

DOXAT - On 15th November, peacefully, after illness borne with typical grace, aged 74, Daisy (Di), adored and wonderful wife of John; dedicated mother of her devoted Pamela; grandmother of beloved Nic, Rebecca and Saffron; lovingly cherished by Charles, Susan, Panda, Colette and Jake; by Jack and Françoise; by Derek; by fond friends, and by Nebbi. Commemorative donations will be greatly appreciated: The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham, GU9 8BL.

DUNPHY - Suddenly on November 8th, Sydney Mary, of Raglan, New Zealand. Loved mother of Patrick, Christopher and Nicola, grandmother of Stephen, Paul, Martin, Leigh and Angela.

DEATHS

ELLIOTT - Dr. Katherine May, on Saturday 12th November 1994, peacefully in the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, London NW8. Loving and much loved mother of Tony, Veronica, and Rose Elliott. Grandmother to Alexander, Rufus, Bruce & Lawrence, Lindsay, and Ellen. Cremation at West London Crematorium at 11.30 am on Friday 25th November 1994. Family flowers only. Please send donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ or the Dragon Appeal for Lung Cancer, c/o Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX. Memorial arrangements for early 1995 to be announced.

FINUCANE - Bridget, retired school teacher, aged 88, on November 10th in Leicester, England. Funeral arriving via Shannon Airport, reception Inch, Cappamore Parish Church 7 pm Friday 18th November 1994, Requiem Mass 11.30 am on Saturday 19th November 1994. Burial immediately afterwards in Towerhill Cemetery, Cappamore, Co. Limerick. R.I.P.

FOSTER - Philippa (née O'Brien), dear wife of Teddy, at home on 15th November, after a short illness. Private cremation. No flowers. Donations, if wished, to Thverton Marie Curie Centre, Devon.

INGLEDEW - Dorothy Mary Newcome, on November 14th, peacefully at Huntington House Nursing Home, Hindhead, aged 89 years, widow of Lt. Col. Hamilton Murray Ingledew. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Headley, on Tuesday November 22nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donation enquiries to J. Gorringe & Son Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey, tel: (0483) 416403.

DEATHS

MAINSE - On November 14th, the eve of his 86th birthday, James Walker MRCS, FDSRCS Eng., Emeritus Consultant Dental Surgeon to Guys Hospital. Entered the schools at Guys Hospital 1926. Governor of Guys Hospital Medical and Dental School, President of Guys Hospital Boat Club 1948-1986. Died peacefully at London Bridge Hospital. Much loved husband of the late Enid Marsie and father of Duncan, Ian, Lesley, Lynette and Graeme. Grandfather and great-grandfather, he will be greatly missed. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday November 22nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations to the 'Save Guys Campaign' P.O. Box 4016, London SE1 9TG. All enquiries to F.A. Aftin & Sons, telephone: (071) 237-3637/2600.

MERRYLEES - Walter Richard Krebs, aged 88, on 12th November 1994, suddenly at home, Portscatho, Truro; dearly loved husband of Barbara and father of Gavin, David and Johnny and devoted grandfather of 10 grandchildren. Funeral Service 2.15 pm Monday 21st November at St Symphorian Church, Veryan, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I.

MITCHELL - On 14th November 1994, peacefully at Dane House Nursing Home, Brighton, Katherine Jeanette (KIT), aged 93, widow of David. Funeral at Brighton Crematorium on Monday November 21st at 2pm.

MOOS - Marjorie H., teacher extraordinary of 4 generations of Liberal Jews, died peacefully on 15th November at the Edgware General Hospital, aged 100. Funeral on Thursday 17th November at 12.30 pm at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11. Memorial Service on Sunday January 8th at 12 noon at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8.

PASCOE - Kenneth John, Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, dearest father of Carol, Tish, James, Kate and the late Robert, also loving Grandpa to his seven grandchildren, peacefully on Tuesday November 15th 1994, aged 74 years. Funeral Service 11 am at Cambridge City Crematorium West Chapel on Wednesday November 23rd. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, made payable to World Wildlife Fund, may be sent to Cambridge Funeral Service, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, tel: (01223) 415255. Memorial Service to be announced later.

PATTERSON - On 15th November, peacefully at home, Joan 'Dodo' (née Collins). Private family cremation. No flowers please but any donations to Edenhall Marie Curie Centre, Hampstead, NW3 5NS.

RAMBLE - Elizabeth Ida, on her 90th birthday 15th November 1994, peacefully at home. Beloved wife of the late Herbert and much loved mother of Ian.

SALTER - Andrew, on 14th November 1994, aged 30, suddenly in Bournemouth. Much loved husband of Clare for tragically only 8 weeks. Funeral to be at St Michael and All Angels, Elm Bank Gardens, Barnes, on Monday 21st November at 2.30 pm, followed by Cremation at Mortlake at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only and donations, if desired, to Intensive Care Unit, Royal Bournemouth Hospital c/o T.H. Sanders & Son, 58 High Street, Barnes, London SW13 9LP.

SEATON - Orville Milton, passed away November 13th, at St Mary's Hospital, London, after a long illness. Sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues. Funeral Service at St Saviour's Church, Warwick Road, London W9, at 10am on Monday November 21st and afterwards at Kensal Green Cemetery at 11.15am.

SMYTH - On November 16th 1994 peacefully at Perrins House, Malvern, Monty (John Montagu) M.B.E. Royal Norfolk Regiment (Ret'd.) aged 89. Father of Ann Humphries, Private cremation, Thanksgiving Service to be announced. No mourning or letters. Enquiries to Malcolm J. Presland, Funeral Directors, tel: (01684) 892393.

TETLEY - On 12th November 1994, peacefully at her home in Mallorca, Brenda Anne Victoria. Beloved widow and best friend of the late Ian Tetley.

TREASE - Phyllis Thornton, peacefully on November 13th, aged 89 years, widow of Professor George Edward Trease, beloved mother of Jill, Virginia and the late Christopher and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton, on Monday November 21st at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation. Enquiries to A. White & Sons, Crediton, (0363) 772043.

WILLIS - Raymond Frederick George, born 29th September 1923, died 13th November 1994. Beloved husband of Dawn, proud father and grandfather. Funeral on Tuesday 22nd November, 12 noon at St Thomas' Church, Southwick. Family flowers only. Enquiries to C.S. Bowyer, St Thomas Road, Trowbridge.

WILSON - On 11th November 1994, peacefully after an illness borne with courage and resolution, at The Frithwood Nursing Home, Northwood, Captain G.G. (Geoffrey) Wilson CBE, RN, aged 87. Devoted and dearly loved husband of Dora (deceased June 27th 1994) and beloved father of Jennifer. Funeral Service on Thursday 24th November at 2.30 pm at Honor Oak Crematorium, Brockley Way SE4. Donations, if desired, to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers c/o Co-operative Funeral Services Ltd., 111 Lordship Lane, Dulwich, SE22 8HU. tel: (081) 693-5010. Flowers and enquiries to the same address.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

SYMES-THOMPSON - Cholmeley, Captain Grenadier Guards, killed in action, November 17, 1914.

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THOMSON-WALKER - Phillis MBE, TD., 1st June 1912 - 17th November 1993. In proud and loving memory. Betty, David and Richard.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

COVENTRY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of The Rev. Dr. Frank Coventry Probendary Emeritus of St Paul's will be held at St Marylebone Church at 2 pm on Tuesday 29th November.

BIRTHDAYS

BROOKS - Stanley George is 70 years young today. Congratulations and much love S.

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OBITUARIES

DR JOHN BISHOP HARMAN

Dr John Bishop Harman, Consultant Physician at St Thomas' Hospital, 1938-72, died on November 13 aged 87. He was born on August 10, 1907.



JOHN HARMAN was a long-serving member on the staff of St Thomas' Hospital, the combination of whose paradoxical virtues, famous wit and forthright opinions made him a unique figure in London's medical profession.

He came from an extraordinary family of doctors, writers and politicians. His mother Katherine Chamberlain was the niece of Joseph Chamberlain, and married a distinguished ophthalmological surgeon, Nathaniel Bishop Harman. She herself qualified as a doctor at a time when there were only around 300 women on the medical register — something which gave her son very progressive views on the subject of women's education and of the need for their financial independence. John had two brothers and two sisters, one of whom, Kitty, married Donald McLachlan, the first editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*.

John Bishop Harman was born at 108 Harley Street, the house where he practised and lived until his death. His early years have been described by his other sister Elizabeth Longford, the wife of Lord Longford, in *The Pebbled Shore*; in the index two early entries about John — "speculations on the facts of life" and "obstinate realism" — show a temperament in childhood that basically remained unchanged. Thus John was born into a medical and literary family, but with a strain of independence and rebelliousness of thought that served as an astringent element in his make-up throughout his career.

Intellectually he was of the highest order. Educated at Oundle and St John's College, Cambridge, he entered St Thomas's Hospital Medical School in 1929, qualifying in 1932. Characteristically he took the Royal College of Surgeons examinations at the same time, becoming FRCS that year, an intellectual feat of outstanding merit.

However, he was to become a physician rather than a surgeon, and held a series of junior posts at St Thomas', culminating in Resident Assistant Physician, and was elected to the consultant staff in 1938. He remained there for the rest of his working life.

Having been trained before scientific medicine became the norm, and with his career interrupted by service with the RAMC during the war, Harman missed out on the investigative revolution. After the war he returned to St Thomas' and became a teaching hospital physician, being also appointed to the staff of the Royal Marsden Hospital in 1947 where he developed an interest in cancer and leukaemia. He was always very much a generalist, seeing himself as a guide for the patient through specialist opinions.

St Thomas' was the centre of his professional life and he served it well on many committees, some of which he chaired, even after his retirement at 65. He became a popular teacher, a trim upright figure in a bowler hat, snuff box always at the ready (old patients were often given a pinch and many a houseman was convulsed on ward rounds by accepting an injudiciously large helping). Generations of students were entranced by his wit and spark, and colleagues were also beguiled, even if his independent line could make him appear provocative at times.

This outspokenness denied him the highest offices which his intellect deserved (it was said that if he had entered the law he would have ended up on the woolsack). He was always interested in the law and achieved national fame by appearing as a witness for the defence on behalf of Dr John Bodkin Adams in the notorious murder trial in 1957. This was a very hotly disputed event, the media of the day having decided beforehand that the man was guilty. Harman, with typical clear mindedness and independence of thought, spoke out eloquently for the defendant, who was subsequently acquitted. Harman's evidence was highly commended by Lord Devlin in his book on the trial, *Easing the Passing* (1985).

Harman's legalistic mind was put to good use on the Medical Defence Union of which he was president from 1976 to 1981. He was a great supporter of the Royal College of Physicians of which he was 2nd vice-president, 1981-82.

He was not a man to be prejudiced in any way that might prevent him from learning from others. For instance, in 1959 he went behind the Iron Curtain and visited the Soviet Union (he was a Conservative himself) to view at first hand their many impressive achievements in medicine, long before many of his colleagues would have contemplated such a trip. He also visited Hong Kong, Malaysia, South Africa and Australia.

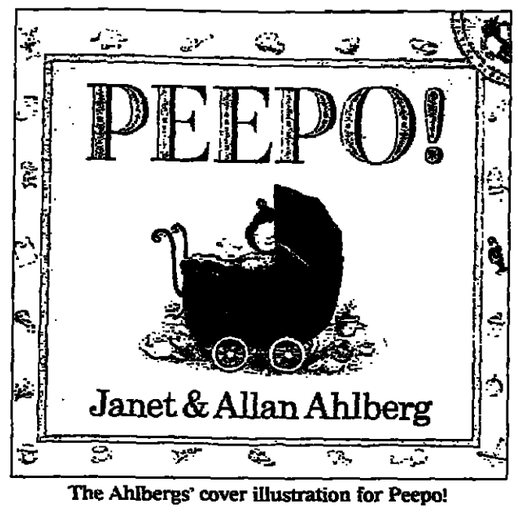
His interests were wide. He edited both the *National Formulary* and, before that, St Thomas' hospital formulary. In a conscious echo of his great uncle, Joseph Chamberlain, he grew orchids in a conservatory on the roof at Harley Street, and gardened very knowledgeably and with scientific curiosity. He was fascinated by the history of medicine and the development of ideas. Not surprisingly, he was a superb chairman and after-dinner speaker. During a long life he kept active and regularly chaired the post-graduate meetings at St Thomas'.

Harman was a man of immense courage. Though constantly in the hands of surgeons in later years, he always remained in high spirits so that few knew of his illnesses. The last of these, dissection of the aorta, he diagnosed correctly, recovered and remained active until the end. He died at the wheel of his car outside St Thomas' Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Spicer, a solicitor to whom he was introduced by the Longfords at Oxford in 1945, marrying her the following year, and by their four daughters. All of these also became solicitors (one is Harriet Harman, the Labour frontbencher). He followed all their careers and the progress of his grandchildren with great pride and interest.

JANET AHLBERG

Janet Ahlberg, illustrator, died from cancer on November 15 aged 50. She was born in Huddersfield on October 21, 1944.



The Ahlbergs' cover illustration for Peepo!

THE success of *The Jolly Postman; Or Other People's Letters* in 1986 brought Janet Ahlberg and her husband Allan to the notice of a world-wide audience. Here was a book which managed to combine an engaging visual comedy — the postman bicycling his rural round — with a play on well-known fairy-tales (HRH Cinderella gets an early copy of her own story to celebrate her marriage to Prince Charming).

This simple combination of ideas was carried through with a combination of versified text and plain, nursery-style illustration — in this case influenced by Rupert Bear. A multitude of ideas was conveyed with a zest for comic detail.

The Jolly Postman was, however, only the most widely acknowledged example of an illustrating career that had been characterised by the same qualities from the start. Janet Hall trained to be a teacher at Sunderland Training College where she met and married Allan Ahlberg, also training to become a teacher. But she was deflected towards the arts and next took a design diploma at Leicester Polytechnic.

Through the influence of André Amstutz, later himself to be an illustrator, and David Howells, a calligrapher, she turned towards graphic design and was involved with several simple educational books for young children. In one of these, *Night* (1972), she illustrated a text composed by her husband and she prevailed on him to try his hand at more sustaining stories.

They produced the first of their Brick Street Boys series (1975), simple, droll picture books for children just learning to read. In 1976 they produced *The Old Joke Book* — a groan-provoking assemblage of hoary jokes and puns, illustrated with comic panache.

Jeux d'esprit of this kind established "the Ahlbergs" as a team with a great capacity to get on terms with their child audience, and from this time on Janet confined her energies to working on books in collaboration with her husband.

In 1978 they produced one of their best and most enduring picture books, *Each Peach Pear Plum*, which brilliantly combined a play on folk-tale characters with hide-and-seek among the pictures.

Sometimes they might turn to little comedies, like *The Little Worm Book* of 1979, a joke book so tiny that it almost evaded notice; sometimes, as with *The Jolly Postman* and its successor *The Jolly Christmas Postman* (1991), they played with ambitious new ideas. Not least of these were *Peepo!* (1981) and *The Baby's Catalogue* (1982) which brought into a modish decade pictures and themes redolent of the 1930s.

Their most recent collaboration was a large-scale picture book making great play with narrative jokes in both words and pictures: *It Was a Dark and Stormy Night* (1993).

Always fragile — she often suffered from serious back trouble — Janet Ahlberg tended to avoid the limelight but she showed great tolerance to the many fans, adults and children alike, who wanted to meet her. By friends and colleagues in the art world she was loved for her kindness, her cheerful resilience and her complete dedication to her craft.

She is survived by her husband Allan and by their daughter.

OSCAR MPETHA



Oscar Mpetha manacled while on trial in 1983

Oscar Mpetha, South African trade unionist, and African National Congress official, died on November 15 aged 85. He was born in Transkei on August 5, 1909.

AS THE oldest of the African Nationalist Congress leaders imprisoned by the former apartheid regime in South Africa, Oscar Mpetha was held in particularly high regard by his associates and by those involved in the anti-apartheid struggle. He was one of the fathers of trade unionism among the black community.

During his final jail term, which began in 1985 when he was 76, he was incarcerated in Pollsmoor prison in Cape Town together with Nelson Mandela. Two years later, along with Mandela, he turned down an offer of release, in spite of his poor health, because of the condition that he renounce the armed struggle.

Mpetha had been given a five-year sentence in 1983, soon after having had a leg amputated as a result of diabetes, while awaiting trial.

When his wife died in 1986 he was refused permission to attend her funeral. He was finally released, along with seven other elderly ANC leaders in October 1989 — still without having compromised his beliefs — as a gesture aimed at encouraging the ANC's external leadership to enter into negotiations with the South African government.

Oscar Mafakafaka Mpetha was the second of six children and at 16 began doing clerical work for the Industrial and Commercial Union. His political activism began in 1937 when he became involved in multiracial civil and workers' rights activities. Having qualified as a road master and begun work as a sub-foreman, he organised his first strike in 1940, successfully leading road labourers in their struggle for higher wages.

Seven years later he had become general secretary of the Food and Canning Workers' Union. He joined the then still legal African National Congress in 1948 and before it was banned 12 years later had risen to become its chairman in the Cape, a member of the national executive and one of its most skilful trade union activists.

In 1955 he was issued with a two-year prohibition order forbidding him from attending meetings, and when he contravened this he was sentenced to six months' hard labour. Although this sentence was overturned he was banned again for a five-year period.

He was then detained for a four-year period during the state of emergency which followed the Sharpeville shootings of 1960 but, undeterred, he resurfaced in the 1970s as a trade union and community leader in the Cape.

In 1980, as the most respected African community leader in the area during the confrontation between the residents of the Crossroads squatter camp and the police, Mpetha was interviewed by a reporter from *The Cape Times*. He blamed the police for provoking the unrest and the morning after his statement was published he was detained by the security police. For four months there was no explanation of his detention but he was then brought to court, together with 18 young Africans, and charged with terrorism and murder. After three years in prison on remand, he was acquitted of murder but given a five-year sentence for terrorism and sent to join his two fellow ANC veterans, Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, in Pollsmoor prison.

While still in Pollsmoor he was elected one of the national presidents of the United Democratic Front.

After his release and in spite of his frailty, Mpetha travelled the country addressing political rallies displaying remarkable energy and determination.

He is survived by his son and daughter.

ERNEST CLARK

Ernest Clark, actor, died in Hinton St George, Somerset, on November 11 aged 82. He was born in Maida Vale, London, on February 12, 1912.

ERNEST CLARK was an instantly recognisable face on the London stage for many years, and an actor who reached a much wider audience during the 1960s and 1970s as the irascible Professor Sir Geoffrey Loftus, scourge of the student doctors, in the television series *Doctor in the House*. As St Swithin's senior consultant, Clark was required to show a fine intolerance of his subordinates' incompetence and juvenile pranks.

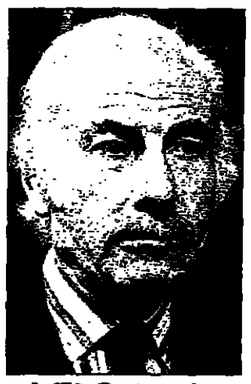
It was not an easy part for any actor to take on — risking, as it was bound to do, comparisons with James Robertson Justice. The latter's memorably fruity performance as Sir Lancelot Spratt had shone out in the original film of the same name in 1954, among a glittering line-up of British acting talent led by Dirk Bogarde, Kenneth More and Kay Kendall.

Clark had, by coincidence, played the frosty hospital registrar in the film and having consolidated his reputation on stage in the intervening years was regarded as a solid choice for the part of the senior doctor in the series. He carried it off very well, if perhaps, as he had feared, with never quite the same panache as Robertson Justice. However, although the series marked the popular highpoint of Clark's career, he notched up a very creditable half-century in the business with long runs in the West End and many good films to his name.

Ernest William Clark was the son of a master builder, and was educated at St Marylebone Grammar School. He started out as a reporter on a local newspaper in Croydon, but his editor would often discover him on the other side of London, rehearsing in some amateur dramatic company when he should have been filing copy.

Eventually Clark saved enough to launch himself as an actor fulltime and, apart from a spell in the Army, remained one until his death. He was blessed throughout his subsequent career with seemingly imperishable good looks, and a long aristocratic nose, though, as a result of his slightly disapproving expression, he played more than his share of strait-laced lawyers.

He made his first professional appearance at the Festival Theatre, Cambridge, in 1937 and remained in repertory at Cambridge, and later at Brighton and Sheffield. It was a testing school for any young actor: in *The Diamond Necklace*, for instance, about the amorous affairs of Marie Antoinette, the tiny cast were stretched to cover about 40 roles. Four of these were played by Clark, including a government spy disguised as a valet, and a valet disguised as a government spy. To reassure the very confused cast backstage, Clark began wearing a jacket on which he inscribed: "Don't get foxed, it's only Ernest Clark".



In TV's *Doctor* series

His London debut at His Majesty's in 1939, was as the Emperor Charles V in *The Devil to Pay*. During the war he served in the Army and in 1944 won the MC in Normandy. Afterwards he toured in *The Years Between* (1946) and *The Winslow Boy* (1947). In New York he appeared in T. S. Eliot's *The Cocktail Party* (1950) at the Henry Miller Theatre, where he returned in 1954 in *Witness for the Prosecution*.

He played a murder suspect in *The Whole Truth* (1955) at the Aldwych; the Prawn in *The Amorous Prawn* at the Saville (1959); and the two husbands in a South American tour of *A Slight Ache* and *The Private Eye* (1966). One of his biggest West End successes was as Sir Dymock Blackburn, QC, in *The Jockey Club Stakes* (1971), which had a long run at the Vaudeville Theatre.

Meanwhile his television career took off properly with the "Doctor" series in the mid-1960s: *Doctor in the House*, *Doctor in Charge*, *Doctor on the Go*, *Doctor at Sea* and *Doctor at the Top*. He also appeared in *The Bad Soldier Schulz* and *Oedipus the King*. His films included *The Dam Busters* (1954), *Sink the Bismarck* (1960) and *Gandhi* (1982).

As vice-president of Equity, 1964-69, and president, 1970-73, Clark was an articulate spokesman for the profession, and an avid letter writer to *The Times*. He always argued on the side of regulated entry into an overcrowded industry.

He was in ill health for the past year, and was forced to take his final bow in the West End as the retired housemaster in Peter Hall's production of *Separate Tables* at the Albery last year, for which he received excellent notices. He retired to his farmhouse in Somerset, where he enjoyed gardening and building stone walls.

His first two marriages were dissolved and he is survived by his third wife, Julia, the daughter of Margaret Lockwood, together with three sons and two daughters.

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ON THIS DAY

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The Medical Research Council announce that Toronto University has offered to the council as a free gift all rights in a patent, covering the new Insulin treatment of diabetes, for which application has been filed in this country. The gift has been accepted by the council, which is making arrangements for further research and is considering the best method of production in this country.

The following statement, issued by the Medical Research Council, describes the present situation in regard to the new treatment:

Recent scientific work in the laboratories of the University of Toronto has led to the trial of a new treatment for *diabetes mellitus*, which consists in the administration of a substance known as Insulin, present in an extract made by the new method from the pancreas of the ox, pig or sheep.

The authorities of the university have taken special measures appropriate to an exceptional situation to protect and control the manufacture and use of this substance in Canada and the United States, and they have offered as a free gift to the Medical Research Council all rights in a patent covering the product and the process of its preparation, for which application has been filed in this country on behalf of the University of Toronto. The university has done this with the object of putting into the council's hands the means of exercising the same powers of control over the preparation of this important new substance as the university has found it desirable in the public interest to exercise in the American Continent.

It should be said at the outset that the new substance Insulin is not yet available in this country in any form. It is being made on a moderate scale in Toronto, and on a small experimental scale in one or two laboratories in the United States and these sources of supply are hardly sufficient for the daily needs of the diabetic patients selected for experimental treatment at those places.

There can be no doubt that the new treatment opens a bright prospect of relief, of longer life, and less severe deprivation to many of the sufferers from a very distressing and hitherto intractable disease. The improvements of the methods of the preparation and administration of Insulin, and the determination of the limits of its efficacy are matters urgently demanding further research.

● WORLD TRAVEL MARKET: the lure of Northern Ireland . . . hotel bonus for business travellers . . . tourists' transient preferences

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Rooms survey

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France tours

FREEWHEELER France is the name of a new fly-drive programme for touring France. *It* will be available in January from the Choice Hotels group, which has 130 hotels in the republic, trading under the Clarion, Quality and Comfort brand names. The scheme offers vouchers for *rooms at £36 each for two people* with continental breakfast. Rooms can be upgraded by paying a small supplement. Details: 081-878 9130.

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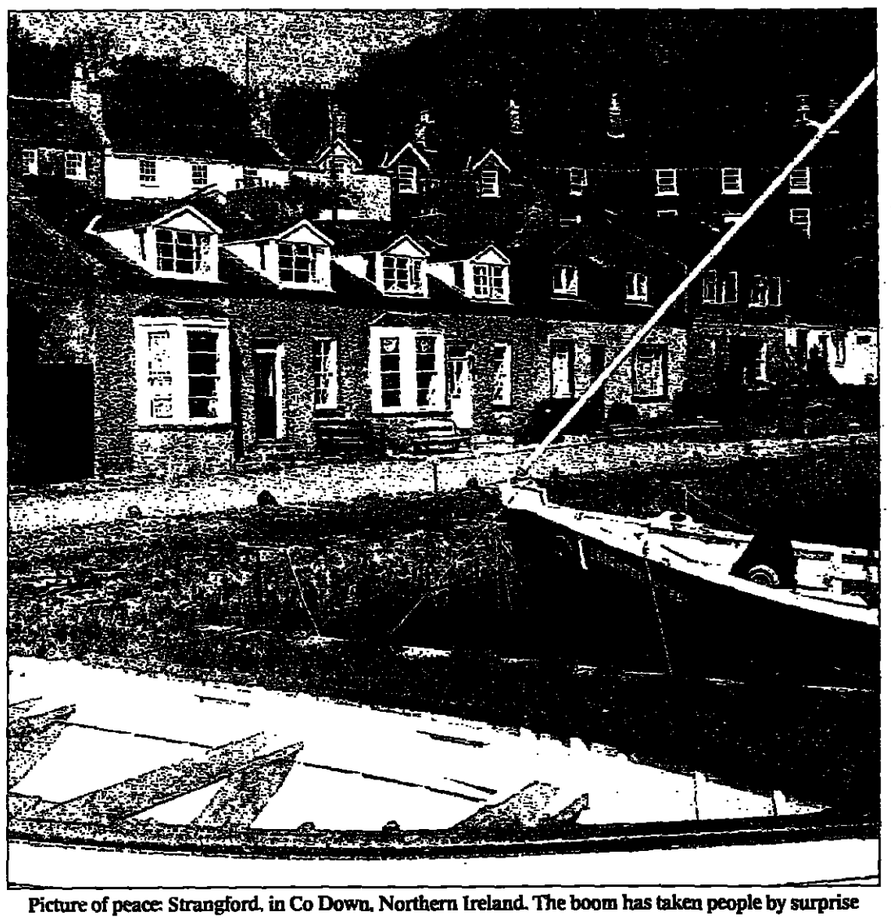
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DAVID CHURCHILL



Picture of peace: Strangford, in Co Down, Northern Ireland. The boom has taken people by surprise

Ulster makes most of peace dividend

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

A new £250,000 promotional campaign to *attract* more tourists and conference delegates to Belfast and Northern Ireland has been launched by its tourism authorities following the IRA ceasefire.

The move comes as Belfast hoteliers are reporting a strong surge in demand with the city's top hotels all *reporting near-full* occupancy levels in recent weeks. Belfast's *tourist information centre* also reports that the number of tourist inquiries has more than doubled — from 7,000 in October last year to 17,000 last month.

The speed with which tourism and business travel has picked up following the ceasefire has caught tourism officials off guard, although *Brian Hanna*, the Belfast City Council chief executive, says that moves were under way to develop the tourism infrastructure before the ceasefire.

This was aimed at generating interest in the new £39 million *conference centre and concert hall* due to open in 1996 as part of the Laganbank development. "But the strength of pent-up demand to come to Belfast and Northern Ireland has come as a welcome shock," admits Mr Hanna.

Belfast hotel occupancies immediately rose *from 49 per cent* in August to 54 per cent in September and provisional October figures suggest they will top 60 per cent. But there is an acute shortage of top-class hotels for business travellers.

Philip Weston, a director of the Hastings Hotels group, which *owns* the top-rated Europa, Culloden and Stormont hotels, says that *the hotels have been "virtually full up"* since the ceasefire.

The recently renovated Europa hotel, continually bombed during the Troubles, remains the only top-class hotel in the city centre. But Hilton International plans to build a £17 million, 187-room hotel in the centre by 1996 and the American hotels group Radisson is also believed to be considering opening up a business hotel in the city.

Apart from tourists and business travellers from mainland Britain, the biggest surge in tourists is coming from the Irish Republic. Over *two-thirds* of southern Irish people have never spent a night in the north, a recent survey revealed.

Come to sunny former Yugoslavia

The world's trouble spots are working to get their tourists back

The brash razzmatazz of this season's World Travel Market does little to hide the fact that tourism is a fashion business. The desirable destination of 1994 *may well be the dead duck of 1995*. And the show has been featuring several places which are fighting back from the touristic grave.

For the first time, Albania has been promoting its wares alongside Uganda and Nigeria — all of them *on the touristic no-go list for years*.

Even more popular places like South Africa, the states of former Yugoslavia, and Florida have been spending thousands to reassure tour operators that they are no longer blighted by politics, war or crime.

The biggest smile was on the face of Walter Msimang, director of the *South African Tourism Board* (Satour), who told me: "For the first time, everybody is saying come to South Africa, and already our tourism figures are 9 per cent up on *last year. Big hotel chains such as* Hyatt and InterContinental are *signing contracts in South Africa* and others will soon be following."

Almost as cheerful was the minister of tourism for Croatia, Miko Bulic, who admitted that the British were slow to come back to the Adriatic coastal resorts but that everyone else was already there, *notably the Germans and Austrians*. "We are doing better than expected — nearly 50 per cent up on 1993, and we have reached 40 per cent of the levels of prewar tourism to Yugoslavia," he said.

"The problem is that the expression 'former Yugoslavia' *is used to* describe the area and somehow it puts us all in the same pot, but Croatia has got a peaceful situation. Safety has been even higher than in other Mediterranean resorts."

The Czech Republic has found *new enthusiasm for promoting the* elegant spas which British travellers last heard of in Edwardian times — including Marienbad (Marianske Lazne) and Karlsbad (Karlovy Vary) — and is promoting them through its Balnea Travel Service.

There are also glossy brochures encouraging visitors to make pilgrimages to Catholic shrines in Bohemia and Moravia, almost as remote as Tibet during the days of *Communist rule*.

As everyone else's bookings bounced back following recession, Florida was blighted by reports of crime and tourist hijackings. Numbers *from Britain fell by more than* 50,000 last season. Now a newly-formed tourist police force, better signposting for drivers of rented cars and briefings on how to handle yourself on American roads are said to be paying off. Attacks on *tourists in Miami have fallen from* 550 last year to just over 150.

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WORLD TRAVEL MARKET: A foothold in Eastern Europe . . . exotic holidays take off . . is your agent environmentally challenged?

Risky Russia becomes big business

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

British travel agencies are cashing in on a huge increase in demand for travel, both business and leisure, to and from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Since the collapse of the old Soviet bloc, Western companies have scrambled to gain a foothold in a region which offers cheap local labour and huge, untapped potential. In St Petersburg alone, one company claims that its business travel has risen by 300 per cent and in Moscow the British Embassy now handles 10,000 visa applications a month.

Russia is changing rapidly as the country's middle class grows and foreign cars flood on to the city streets. *Executive Travel* magazine estimates that more than 55 million Russians are now shareholders in joint-stock companies or investments funds, and as the economies of former Soviet bloc countries continue to grow, the more East Europeans in turn can afford to travel. The UK is usually their first choice of European destination. In March this year, Thomas Cook recognised the potential for expansion and opened a new bureau in Moscow designed to cater for business travellers.

This week, at the World Travel Market, Hogg Robinson BTI announced it was joining forces with Epic, a leading travel agent in Russia, and Pegrotours, a leading travel agent in Poland, to form Worldmark Travel.

David Young, chairman of Worldmark, says the region offers enormous opportunities. "Businesses are expanding rapidly. Since the collapse of communism, the face of business in the former Soviet Union has changed dramatically. Travellers are finding for the first time that they have actually to visit contacts at farms in the Ukraine or oil fields in Kazakhstan, rather than deal through one central office in Moscow.

"With each republic now responsible for its own infrastructure, and having its own border controls, making arrangements with different air carriers and ensuring that you have the correct number of suitable visas can be a nightmare."

But while East European countries are desperate for western dollars, so are the racketeers who control many of the local enterprises. The Control Risks Group (CRG), a London-based consultancy which advises large companies on security abroad, rates Russia as medium risk because of the continued political instability, growing organised criminal violence and extortion, kidnapping and counterfeiting.

In the first five months of this year, 65 foreigners were killed and it is common practice for firms to provide a bodyguard for employees as part of the relocation package.

Christopher Grose, CRG's managing director, says companies moving into Russia will probably encounter an extortion attempt, sometimes very serious, sometimes not, because they are seen as wealthy.

> 'Getting the correct visas can be a nightmare'

Worldmark recommends westerners in Russia to use hotel taxis even if they are more expensive, not to wear ostentatious western-style clothing, to carry spending money only, not to resist muggers and to leave the light and radio on in your hotel room when they go out.

Intourist, formerly the government tourist agency in Russia and now a private enterprise, opened a branch office in St Petersburg earlier this year and is in the process of renovating a city-centre hotel in Moscow.

Thomas Cook opened its first permanent business travel management centre in Russia in March this year.

A new Czech tourist authority has just been established, and CSA Czechoslovak Airlines offers 13 direct weekly flights between London and Prague.

The region still has its problems, however; cancellations, long delays and over-loading of passengers on internal flights are still frequent. Experienced travellers tend to make arrangments to fly directly to their destination on an international flight.

ROBERT HARDING



A villager in Tarabuoo, Bolivia, one of many countries eager to become an exotic holiday destination

Tourism's next big hit

THOUSANDS of representatives of the world's travel industry are meeting in London for their annual attempt at spotting next year's "fashionable" destinations, writes *Marianne Curphey*. The World Travel Market (WTM) — the international travel industry's shop window on the world — is where tour operators, airlines and travel agents negotiate, gossip and try to predict trends.

This year, Uruguay, Bolivia, Uganda, Nigeria and Khazakhstan joined the clamour for tourists. Cambodia was to have been represented for the first time, but at the last minute it pulled out, citing financial difficulties. An attempted coup in the Gambia last Friday did not, however, prevent a delegation from the country's tourism industry setting up its stall.

The choice of destinations and holidays at this year's show, at London's Earl's Court, is greater than ever.

The largeness of the WTM shows how swiftly the industry has grown and how exotic holidays can be. Trekking in the remotest regions of eastern Europe, lazing on an isolated island, diving in the waters of the Red Sea, riding on an elephant through the jungle of Thailand. . . . the possibilities are legion.

Seven East European countries, including the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, doubled their space — a reflection of their increased interest in the dollar. Enormous competition exists among countries and resorts. Visitors will find themselves accosted by grown men in rhinoceros costumes, comely wenches carrying foaming quarts and tourism representatives eager to ply them with wine.

It may seem like a game, but the business done is deadly serious. Organisations pay thousands of pounds for a stall, and staff work long hours in the hot, crowded exhibition hall to sell their country, county or airline's best features.

Travel is very big business: the World Travel and Tourism Council predicts that worldwide the industry accounts for 212 million jobs and that by 2005 the total will be 338 million.

Geoffrey Lipman, WTTC's president, called for fair, rather than punitive taxation on the industry; environmentally responsible development and more efficient border-clearance procedures.

Prosperity takes off in Poland

THE Polish national airline LOT is rapidly growing up in the cut-throat world of international aviation — in the same way as Poland itself is finding its feet more quickly than any of the former Soviet satellites.

Not only has LOT survived a three-month battle with British Airways, during which neither airline operated between Warsaw and London, but it has signed a marketing and code-sharing deal with American Airlines that should be particularly lucrative as the state-owned flag-carrier battles its way towards privatisation.

LOT in many ways reflects the whole Polish nation: tough — sometimes to the point of bloody-mindedness — put upon, but struggling through rapid modernisation and — surviving — to prove that it can compete with its western rivals.



The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Poland, of all the nations of the former Soviet Union, is on the point of breaking through to economic prosperity. The riches gained by a handful of entrepreneurs after communism's collapse and the introduction of the free market are now trickling down the social ladder. Shops that were lifeless shells when I visited Warsaw five years ago are thriving and packed with almost as many consumer goods as can be found in western provincial cities. Advertising hoardings and flashing neon signs dominate the busy and now brightly coloured streets.

Poland has become a crossroads for traders from East and West. Germans flock over the border to buy goods at low prices. Russians pack into trains to sell to Polish traders in the biggest open-air market I have ever seen on the stairs leading up to the terracing of a disused sports stadium near the city centre.

The number of visitors officially logged by Polish border guards is staggering. Last year, they say, 61 million people arrived, and this year it is likely to exceed 70 million. Of those, more than 42 million were from Germany and 104,800 from Britain. In the first seven months of this year, however, more than 106,000 Britons have already passed through immigration, an estimated 12 per cent of them on business.

Five new four or five-star hotels have opened in Warsaw alone in the last five years. Poland now has the fastest economic growth rate in Europe. Its airline has also benefited from the improved economic position and, with 11 new Boeings and five French commuter planes, claims to have the youngest fleet of any significant European airline.

Two years ago a new airport, something most capital cities would yearn to have, was opened on the outskirts of Warsaw. The service in the air and on the ground is improving daily, the in-flight food on LOT is good and the schedules seem to have been organised so that they are not only convenient for passengers but also enable the airline to operate on time.

Yet it would be wrong to pretend that Warsaw is an attractive city compared with, say, Prague or Budapest. It was flattened during the war and rebuilt in the worst kind of Soviet brutalism style. The "Old Town" was reassembled from ancient plans after the war. That is why Poland's government is seeking to attract tourists to the countryside, and why it will soon launch a rural tourism initiative based on the Irish model, and designed to persuade people to take holidays in Poland's lakes, mountains and villages.

LOT officials know that they will benefit only on the margins from such a plan, and that they must aim at the business market if they are to survive the coming battles with the likes of Lufthansa and BA.

Poland has learnt over centuries of abuse that uprisings are often essential if it is to survive. One day, it just might become the epicentre of Europe's green tourism industry as its leaders predict. But for the moment it has entered the tough world of commerce and competition, and there are going to be many more bruising fights to win first.

Green call to operators

Travel companies are being checked for their attitude to the environment

Holidaymakers are being asked to put pressure on tour operators to protect the environment well into the next century. Conservationists from the Born Free Foundation, the animal protection charity, want travellers to recommend holiday companies which treat wildlife, people and places with respect.

CERT, the Campaign for Environmentally Responsible Tourism, has produced a series of simple guidelines to help tourists reduce their impact on the environment. It also wants travellers to report back on the behaviour of the tour company: were they warned not to throw litter, stay on marked roads, not interfere with animals, and not to collect plants or buy certain wildlife souvenirs?

Established by the conservationists Bill Travers, Liz Gillings, a former worker with the British Council, and Virginia McKenna, CERT is asking tour operators to join its scheme and donate £1 per booking to wildlife projects.

Liz Gillings said: "Tourism is now the world's biggest industry, and by the turn of the century nearly 700,000 people a year will take an overseas vacation. They travel for many reasons and their combined impact can be immense. They can bring foreign currency and employment.

"However, without care, tourism can damage and even destroy natural habitats and ecosystems, threatening the future of wild animals and plants and speeding the process of extinction. Travellers are ideally placed to judge the environmental performance of their travel company.

"We are setting up a national award scheme based on travellers' returned questionnaires. This is not something tour operators can buy into."

Ms Gillings said she was moved to act after she saw a tourist throw a cigarette from a minibus in the Masai Mara game park in Kenya, which ignited a large section of bush and injured a leopard.

Four companies — Discover the World, Guerba, Dragoman and Tropical Places — have already agreed to the £1 per booking donation to environmental causes. British Airways Holidays, Somak Travel and Cox & Kings have also expressed an interest.

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Lazio winner

Mr David Fagan, of Wood Green, London, was the winner of the competition announced in *The Times* Lazio special report of November 3. He wins a seven-day holiday for two to Lazio and Rome.

How to exploit the Chunnel

With the Shuttle to Calais due to start this month, Weekend Travel reports on Saturday on new ways to enjoy France. PLUS: The pleasures of Ulster; and holidays in Cornwall

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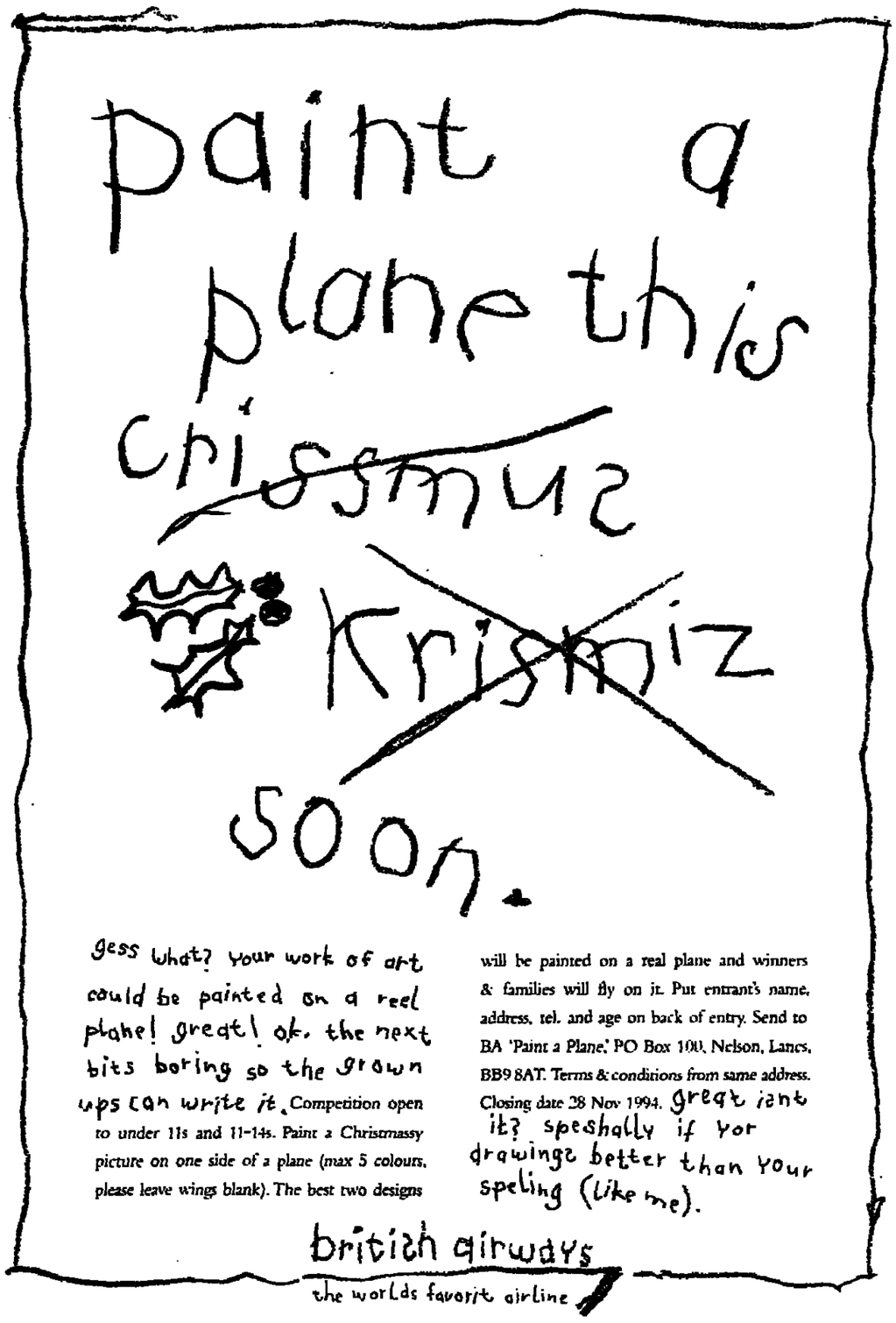
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Major moves to crush Euro revolt

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His pre-emptive strike overshadowed a Queen's speech that contained 13 measures including approval for the Channel rail link, more competition for the gas supply industry, an equal pension age and tighter controls on mentally-ill patients released into the community ..... **Pages 1, 10, 11**

Childcare sweetener for Budget

■ Tax relief on childcare is being considered as a sweetener for the Budget as part of an effort to rebuild Tory support in the middle classes. The Chancellor is looking at options to provide help for working mothers, including vouchers for childcare and allowing tax relief at 20 or 15 per cent..... **Page 1**

Reynolds collapse

The Irish Government collapsed when Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister, announced that he would vote against Albert Reynolds at the end of a confidence debate..... **Page 1**

Triple boost

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, enjoyed a triple boost from the British economy. Unemployment fell for the ninth month, inflation appears to be under control and public debt is declining .... **Page 1**

Sex abuse action

The Roman Catholic Church in Ireland announced a new code of practice to stamp out child sexual abuse by priests after a series of cases in recent weeks..... **Page 2**

Equerry accused

The former wife of an equerry to the Queen, convicted of failing to give a breath sample, said that she had endured years of violence but had been dissuaded from taking action because her husband worked for the Palace..... **Page 3**

Baby couple freed

The British couple convicted of buying and attempting to smuggle a baby out of Romania had their jail sentences suspended by a Bucharest court..... **Page 5**

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The sole survivor of a holiday drowning tragedy in Cyprus, in which his wife and best friends, died, admitted that they had seen a danger sign..... **Page 8**

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President Izetbegovic of Bosnia called on Nato to halt the Serb offensive against the Muslim-controlled enclave of Bihac in north-western Bosnia ..... **Page 13**

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Jesse Helms, the ultra-conservative who will chair the Senate foreign relations committee, has picked his first fight with the Clinton Administration on the new world trade pact..... **Page 14**

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A tentative truce in the Angolan civil war, which has ravaged the former Portuguese colony since independence two decades ago, was due to take effect prior to a more formal ceasefire..... **Page 15**

Six-figure price of overwork

■ A former social worker could win six-figure damages after he won a landmark High Court victory against his employers for exposing him to stress at work, driving him to a nervous breakdown. John Walker, 57, who said he was left "shell-shocked", became the first person to sue successfully for the injury caused to his health by overwork ..... **Page 1**



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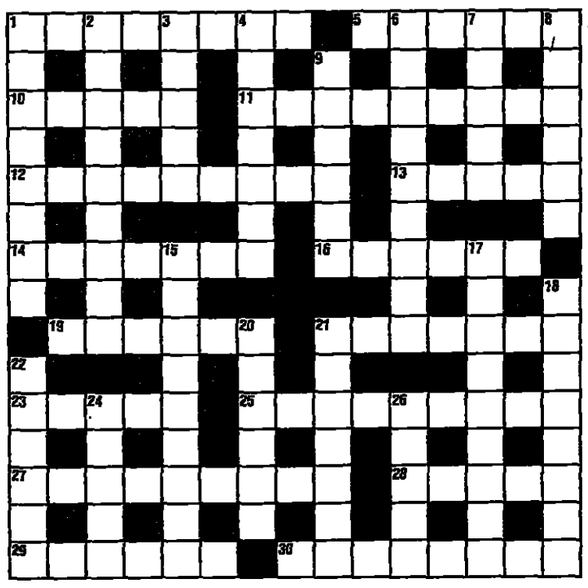
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Torquay, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 1.02in; highest sunshine: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 7.9hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** sunshine and showers. England and Wales will be mostly dry with sunny spells. Western parts, including North Wales, will have rather more cloud with showers. More persistent rain will spread from the west later to all parts. Southeast England will have patchy light rain. Scotland will have sunny spells and showers, heaviest and most frequent in the north and west, probably wintry over the highest hills. Northern Ireland and southern parts of Scotland will become cloudy with more continuous rain later.

☐ **London, SE, Central S England, E Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Isles:** dry with bright or sunny spells, becoming cloudier later. Wind south-westerly moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **E, NE, Central N England, Borders:** bright or sunny spells, becoming cloudy with rain later. Wind westerly moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales:** bright, becoming cloudy but mostly dry. Wind southwesterly fresh to strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind southwesterly moderate to fresh. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** overnight ground frost then clear or sunny spells with showers, wintry over the hills. Wind westerly fresh. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** clear or sunny spells, then cloudier with showers or longer spells of rain. Winds westerly fresh, falling light and variable, later moderate southeasterly. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** staying mild, mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dust; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

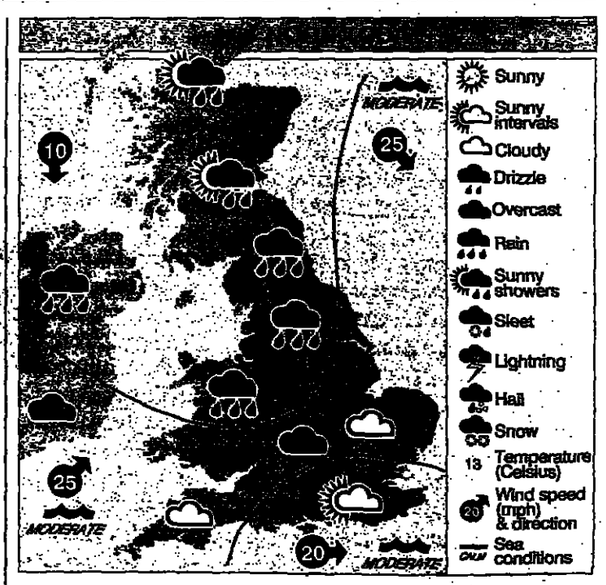
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Anglesey	3.5	0.01	13	55	sh	Liverpool	3.6	0.08	12	54	sh
Aspatria	1.3	0.04	11	52	sh	London	5.3	-	14	57	s
Aviemore	5.1	0.01	9	48	sh	Lowestoft	6.9	-	13	55	s
Belfast	2.9	0.02	11	52	sh	Manchester	1.9	0.02	13	55	sh
Birmingham	6.4	-	13	55	b	Margate	X				
Bognor R	5.8	0.02	14	57	s	Minehead	5.7	-	14	57	b
Bournem'th	4.8	0.03	15	59	s	Morecambe	4.1	0.30	12	54	b
Bristol	X					Newcastle	X				
Buxton	1.5	0.05	9	48	sh	Norwich	7.0	-	13	55	s
Cardiff	4.2	0.16	13	55	sh	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	5.9	-	14	57	s	Oxford	8.0	-	14	57	sh
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	4.8	0.03	14	57	b
Colwyn Bay	2.4	0.06	12	54	sh	Plymouth	5.3	0.10	14	57	b
Cromer	7.0	-	13	55	s	Poole	4.2	-	15	59	b
Doncaster	4.2	0.01	13	55	s	Prestatyn	X	0.02	13	55	sh
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	5.6	0.01	14	57	sh
Eastbourne	5.6	0.07	14	57	b	Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	4.1	0.31	11	52	sh	Salcombe	X				
Eskdalemuir	0.1	1.02	8	46	sh	Sandown	6.5	0.03	14	57	s
Exmouth	5.4	0.02	14	57	b	Saunton Snd	4.3	-	13	55	b
Falmouth	X	0.03	14	57	b	Scarboro'	7.8		12	54	s
Fishguard	5.0	0.01	12	54	sh	Scilly Isles	3.3	0.06	13	55	sh
Folkestone	5.6	0.42	14	57	s	Shanklin	6.2	0.02	14	57	b
Glasgow	4.2	0.41	11	52	sh	Shrewsbury	4.2	0.04	13	55	b
Guernsey	5.7	0.41	15	59	b	Skegness	6.8	-	13	55	s
Hastings	5.6	0.06	14	57	s	Southport	3.8	0.12	12	54	sh
Hayling I	6.0	0.02	14	57	s	Southsea	5.5	0.02	14	57	sh
Herne Bay	5.7	-	13	55	b	Stornoway	2.9	0.16	10	50	sh
Hove	X					Swanage	5.5	0.05	15	59	b
Hunstanton	4.6	-	12	54	b	Teignmouth	5.5	0.02	15	59	b
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	5.6	-	13	55	b
Isle of Man	4.6	-	14	57	b	Tiree	5.2	0.17	11	52	sh
Jersey	5.5	0.59	15	59	b	Torquay	X	0.05	15	59	s
Kinloss	2.1	0.03	9	48	c	Tynemouth	7.6	-	12	54	s
Leeds	6.5	0.09	12	54	sh	Ventnor	6.1	0.02	14	57	s
Lerwick	-	0.10	7	45	sh	Weymouth	5.1	0.02	14	57	s
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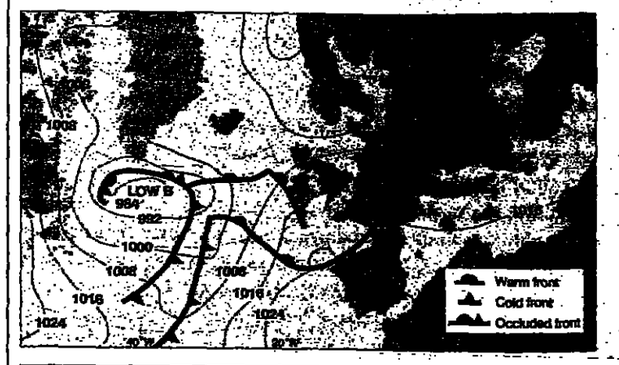
ABROAD

Alassio	20	68	s	Corfu	19	66	s	Majorca	19	66	s
Alicante	21	70	s	Dublin	10	50	f	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	31	70	c	Dubrovnik	18	64	s	Malta	20	68	f
Algiers	32	72	s	Faro	21	70	f	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Amst'dm	10	50	f	Florence	13	55	f	Mexico C	16	61	s
Athens	13	64	s	Frankfurt	11	52	c	Miami	28	82	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Milan	10	50	c
Barbados	28	82	f	Geneva	15	59	s	Montreal	11	52	s
Barcelona	18	64	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Moscow	-1	30	sn
Beirut	19	66	f	Helsinki	0	32	f	Munich	10	50	s
Belgrade	9	48	r	Hong K	28	82	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	10	50	c	Innsbruck	13	55	f	Naples	18	64	c
Bermuda	22	72	f	Istanbul	11	52	f	N Delhi	24	75	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jeddah	29	84	s	N York	20	68	f
Borde'x	15	59	sl	Jo'burg	15	59	c	Nice	20	68	s
Brussels	11	52	f	Karachi	30	86	s	Oslo	3	37	s
Budapst	14	57	f	L Palmas	24	75	f	Paris	10	50	f
B Aires	28	82	f	Le Touet	12	54	f	Peking	2	36	f
Cairo	18	64	f	Lisbon	17	63	s	Perth	33	91	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Locarno	12	54	s	Prague	9	48	r
Chicago	7	45	c	L Angels	19	66	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	s
Ch'church	19	66	-	Luxembg	9	48	c	Rhodes	18	64	s
Cologne	10	50	f	Lunor	22	72	s	Rio de J	29	84	f
C'phagn	8	46	r	Madrid	13	55	s	Riyadh	32	90	f
								Rome	19	66	s
								Salzburg	11	52	c
								S F'risco	10	50	r
								Santiago	26	79	s
								S Paulo	26	79	c
								Seoul	15	59	c
								Sing'por	28	82	s
								Stckholm	2	36	c
								Strasb'rg	12	54	c
								Sydney	19	66	c
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								Tel Aviv	16	61	r
								Tenerife	25	77	f
								Tokyo	11	52	s
								Toronto	9	48	s
								Tunis	23	72	f
								Valencia	21	70	s
								Vanc'ver	6	43	r
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Aberdeen	12.18	4.1	12.45	4.2	Lowestoft	8.32	2.4	8.56	2.5
Avonmouth	6.20	12.6	6.39	12.7	Margate	11.22	4.6	11.42	4.6
Belfast	10 15	3.3	10.33	3.2	Milford Haven	5.25	6.7	7.43	6.7
Cardiff	6 10	11.52	6.29	11.61	Newquay	4.18	6.6	4.35	6.6
Devonport	4.51	5.3	5.08	5.2	Oban	4.48	3.9	7.07	3.9
Dover	10.25	6.4	11.45	6.4	Penzance	3.51	5.4	4.05	5.3
Falmouth	4.21	5.1	4.38	5.0	Portland	5.44	2.1	6.0	1.9
Glasgow	12.04	4.7	12.19	4.7	Portsmouth	10.33	4.6	10.52	4.5
Harwich	11 02	3.9	11.27	3.7	Shoreham	10.36	6.0	10.56	5.9
Holyhead	9.37	5.3	9.48	5.3	Southampton	10.00	4.5	10.19	4.3
Hull	5.27	7.02	5.52	7.01	Swansea	5.05	8.1	5.45	8.2
Ilfracombe	5.07	8.79	5.28	8.67	Tees	2.40	5.0	3.07	5.0
King's Lynn	5.30	6.3	5.57	6.4	Weston-on-Nss	10.55	4.1	11.20	4.1
Leith	1.34	5.2	1.59	5.3					

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Full moon today

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17 1994

Electricity watchdog pushes for new shake-up



Littlechild: backs Grid sale

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S regional electricity companies may be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless they separate their distribution and supply activities, Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, has told them.

Putting down a marker for the development of competition after 1998, Professor Littlechild saw "merit in considering the greater separation of REC distribution networks from their other activities".

His warning raises the spectre of further fundamental reorganisation of the privatised electricity regime in England and Wales.

At the same time, the regulator backed a full sale next spring of the £5 billion National Grid transmission system owned by the regional electricity companies. He also called for the Grid to sell separately its pumped storage business, which has two plants in Wales that enable the grid to meet sudden surges in demand. "The pumped storage business is capable of operating as an independent company," he said.

The proposals were met with deep scepticism in the electricity industry. A Grid spokesman said that the issue of selling subsidiary businesses, such as pumped storage and Energis, the telephones arm, had yet to be addressed. One utility expert said that it would be "daft" to give another company control of capacity designed to balance demand on the transmission system.

The two facilities, Dinorwig, which can generate 1,800 MW, and Ffestiniog, at 360 MW, use cheap-rate electricity to pump water up-hill, releasing it during peak demand to balance the system. Both can reach maximum power within seconds, and help to avoid power fluctuations.

Regional electricity companies were taken aback by Professor Littlechild's remarks, which come only weeks after completion of an Offer review of their distribution businesses. "We need a bit more clarification about what Professor Littlechild really means," said a London Electricity spokesman.

In his speech, to a London conference, Professor Littlechild focused on the link between ownership of transmission facilities and competition. "The effective separation of transmission ownership at privatisation has made a major contribution to the development of competition," he said. "In contrast, ownership of the REC distribution networks was not separated."

He suggested that a variety of arrangements "might be explored", adding: "Clearer separation between monopoly networks and potentially competitive activities is more conducive to effective competition and the full protection of customers."

The regulator told *The Times* that if RECs failed to respond to his concerns, he had power to refer the matter to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. He is clearly thinking ahead to measures to ensure effective competition when regional supply companies lose their monopoly over domestic customers in 1998.

Separating distribution from supply would parallel moves in gas.

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Jobless total dips below 2.5m

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government yesterday proclaimed a sustained economic recovery as unemployment fell sharply, with long-term unemployment falling below 1 million for the first time in two years.

Ministers were delighted at what Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, described as a "very good" set of labour market figures, though Opposition and trade union leaders said the fall in unemployment had yet to translate into rising jobs.

Unadjusted headline unemployment fell by 125,344 to 2,455,044. This was the largest October fall for a generation, apart from October 1988, when young people were removed from the unemployment figures.

Seasonally adjusted to take account of a long, five-week month and the number of students coming off the unemployment register, the fall of 45,800, to 2,516,600, was the ninth successive monthly drop, and takes the total decline since unemployment peaked in December 1992 to 455,100.

The seasonally adjusted total, which represents a rate of 8.9 per cent, is now at its lowest level since October 1991, and is 15 percentage points lower than the peak. Unemployment fell for men and women, and in every region.

The fall was much sharper than market predictions of about 20,000. Whitehall statisticians accept that unemployment is on a firm downward trend but are still cautious about the likely reduction over the next few months. They say that is likely to be towards the upper end of a 20,000 to 25,000 range.

Ministers were particularly pleased with the fall in long-term unemployment. The number of people out of work for more than a year fell by 47,800 to 956,500, the lowest level reported for two years and the first time it has been below the 1 million mark since October 1992. Those out of work for more than six months fell by 113,900 to just under 1.4 million.

Harriet Harman, Labour's shadow Employment Secretary, said: "People remain insecure at work and fearful about losing their jobs. That will not change until unemployment falls much further, and employment begins to rise."

New figures for manufacturing showed that employment fell by 4,000 in September, though the rate of decline is slowing and the figures across three months showed an increase of 2,000. The stock of vacancies at JobCentres — roughly about a third of all those available — rose to its highest level for more than four years.

The amount of overtime being worked rose sharply, to 9.8 million hours, its highest level since last July, prompting ministers to suggest that the recovery was being led by exports, while short-time working, at 150,000 hours, was at its lowest recorded level.

Earnings increases across the whole economy remained at 3.75 per cent for the fourth month running.

Productivity rose 6 per cent in manufacturing, while unit wage costs fell 1.4 per cent and are lower than those in Japan.

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JAMES MORGAN

Ross Buckland, of Unigate, is pressing for an MMC reference for Milk Marque

Unigate gives warning of hundreds of job losses

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

UNIGATE has given warning that higher costs after the establishment of Milk Marque as a successor to the Milk Marketing Board would hit profits this year and force it to cut hundreds of jobs.

Ross Buckland, Unigate's chairman, said the new regime had raised costs by £40 million a year and this would inevitably lead to rationalisation and job losses.

More than 50 employees have already gone after the closure of its Worthing Dairy and Mr Buckland said there would be hundreds more job losses among the 8,000 staff in its dairy-related businesses. The cost of the rationalisation programme has not yet been quantified but provisions will be paid this year.

Mr Buckland said the group had failed to recoup all of the extra costs in higher prices to its customers. Trading profits will therefore be hit by about £10 million in the year to March 31, 1995. Mr Buckland said Milk Marque was abusing its position as the dominant milk supplier and the group, along with others in the dairy industry, would continue to press for a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Unigate has raised the price of a doorstep pint by 2p to 40p outside London and 41p in London since the new regime began on November 1. Prices in supermarkets have also risen but remain substantially lower than those on the doorstep. Unigate said doorstep deliveries are continuing to decline by 12 per cent but this has been partly offset by rising sales to supermarkets. His remarks came as Unigate unveiled a 7 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £53.7 million from £50.3 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings per share rose to 16.4p from 15.2p.

UK food operations profits rose 15 per cent to £33.4 million (£29.0 million). Profits were static in the dairy operations but edged up to £10.7 million (£10.6 million) in the Wincanton distribution business. The US restaurant businesses struggled, with profits falling to £6.1 million (£7.7 million).

The interim dividend rises to 6.3p (6.0p) and will be paid on January 6.

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TSB move north may last just a few months

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

TSB is considering moving its Treasury operation back to London, only seven months after relocating it to Birmingham at a cost estimated at up to £6 million.

A spokesman said TSB moved the operation because it was seen as an integral part of the retail bank, which had gone to Birmingham.

However, the move took place just as TSB decided against selling its Hill Samuel merchant bank, which has its own Treasury operation in London.

TSB now wants to combine the two operations and is looking for a new head of Treasury to lead the joint operations.

Relocation took place over the Easter weekend last April; the operation could be back in the Hill Samuel building by early next year.

John Ashenhurst, director of balance sheet management at TSB, said: "We are looking at the group Treasury concept: we are considering our options."

He added that while no decision on relocation to London had been made, "we are trying to present the group Treasury viewpoint to the outside world. We are going to have one name in the market."

The TSB spokesman said the move to Birmingham had been considered a success. He said: "The Treasury operations will be combined — the location at this time is not relevant."

TSB kept its bank and Hill Samuel operations separate while it looked for a buyer for the merchant banking business. It officially took Hill Samuel off the market this year.

Peter Ellwood, the chief executive, said the merchant bank was not for sale and that the businesses "form an important part of TSB and we are investing in their development."

Speculation on the reasons for the move has centred on the problems created by the distance between TSB's Treasury staff and their main contacts in the City.

However, the TSB spokesman said staff spend most of their time in Birmingham and as most of their business is conducted by computer, or by telephone, it makes little difference where they are physically located.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3146.5	(+11.1)
Yield	4.07%	
FT-SE A All share	1560.20	(+6.30)
Nikkei	19308.66	(-85.02)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3827.37	(+1.01)*
S&P Composite	464.76	(-0.27)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	93³²/₃₂*	(93³²/₃₂)
Yield	8.07%*	(8.05%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6%	(6⅛%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	102¹₈	(102¹₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5725*	(1.5720)
London:		
$	1.5715	(1.5839)
DM	2.4375	(2.4479)
FFr	8.3805	(8.4095)
SFr	2.0513	(2.0567)
Yen	154.66	(155.65)
£ Index	79.7	(80.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5510*	(1.5558)
FFr	5.3250*	(5.3425)
SFr	1.3055*	(1.3089)
Yen	98.35*	(98.75)
$ Index	62.4	(62.2)

Tokyo close Yen 98.62

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb) $16.40 (unc)

GOLD

London close $386.25 ($386.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Overcharging

The Office of Fair Trading published a report which says the big City investing institutions overcharged for underwriting, or guaranteeing the success of rights issues by listed companies. A London Business School report concludes that the standard 1¼ per cent paid to institutions is an excessive return. Page 26, Tempus 28

High costs

Costs of a massive building programme will hit profits at Land Securities, Britain's largest property investment company. Page 31

BT3 sale helps produce £558m surplus in October

THE Government had a budget surplus of £558 million last month, the first month of net repayment since January, fuelling City expectations that the Treasury's forecast of a 1994 deficit of £36 million will be revised down (Colin Narbrough writes).

The October surplus largely reflected the £1.47 billion in proceeds from the final instalment in the BT3 share sale. It followed a £4.1 billion deficit in September and brought the public sector borrowing requirement for the first seven months of the financial year to £19.2 billion, against £26.4 billion last year.

Inflation figures help to dispel rate rise fears

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

LOWER than expected inflation figures combined with remarks from the last monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, to dispel fears of an imminent rise in interest rates.

The last retail prices index (RPI) to appear before the Budget on November 29 gave important confirmation that underlying inflation remains very subdued in spite of the buoyant economy and inflationary pressures evident in commodity prices. The index rose 0.1 per cent last month to 145.2, after an 0.2 per cent rise in September, with higher housing costs, reflecting recent mortgage interest rate rises, providing the only significant upward pressure.

The annual headline rate for RPI rose to 2.4 per cent, from 2.2 per cent, but the underlying rate, which excludes mortgage interest payments, held steady at 2 per cent, its lowest for 27 years.

The Federal Reserve's decision on Wednesday to raise the US discount rate by 0.75 percentage points to 4.75 per cent had initially prompted market speculation that Britain might come under pressure to follow suit.

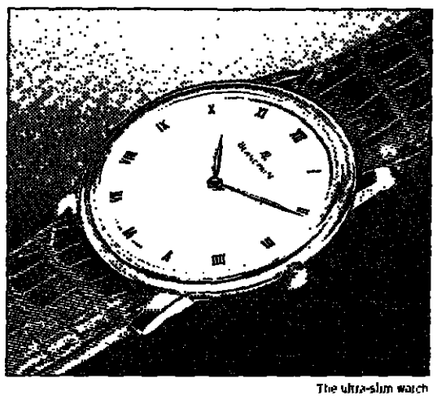
But an underlying inflation figure comfortably inside the Treasury's target range of 1-4 per cent was seen by City economists to make it unlikely that UK base rates would rise again this year.

Minutes from the September 26 meeting between Mr Clarke and Mr George revealed that they agreed to a "wait-and-see" stance on interest rates. The meeting took place two-and-a-half weeks after the session at which they agreed to raise base rates by a half point to 5.75 per cent. Mr George said he believed the markets were exaggerating the degree of "future" inflationary pressures facing Britain and noted that the September rate rise had been well received in financial markets, with most concern coming from consumers.

Mr Clarke said that the recovery remained strong and there was little immediate prospect of inflationary pressure from the consumer sector. He agreed that interest rates should be left unchanged for the time being.

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OFT accuses institutions of overcharging

BY CARL MORTISHED

INSTITUTIONS reacted angrily last night to accusations that almost £500 million of fees charged by them for underwriting rights issues represented excessive returns.

Britain's largest investment institutions — including large pension funds and insurance companies — are said to have overcharged by 86 per cent to insure companies against the failure of a share issue.

The accusations came from the Office of Fair Trading, which has published a report commissioned by the London Business School that concludes that the standard sub-underwriting commission of 1¼ per cent paid to institutions is an excessive return.

Institutions were angry that the OFT yesterday appeared to ally itself with the report, written by Professor Paul Marsh.

The document compares the sub-underwriting to the purchase of a put option on the shares and concludes that between 1986 and 1993 institutions had been overpaid by £480 million.

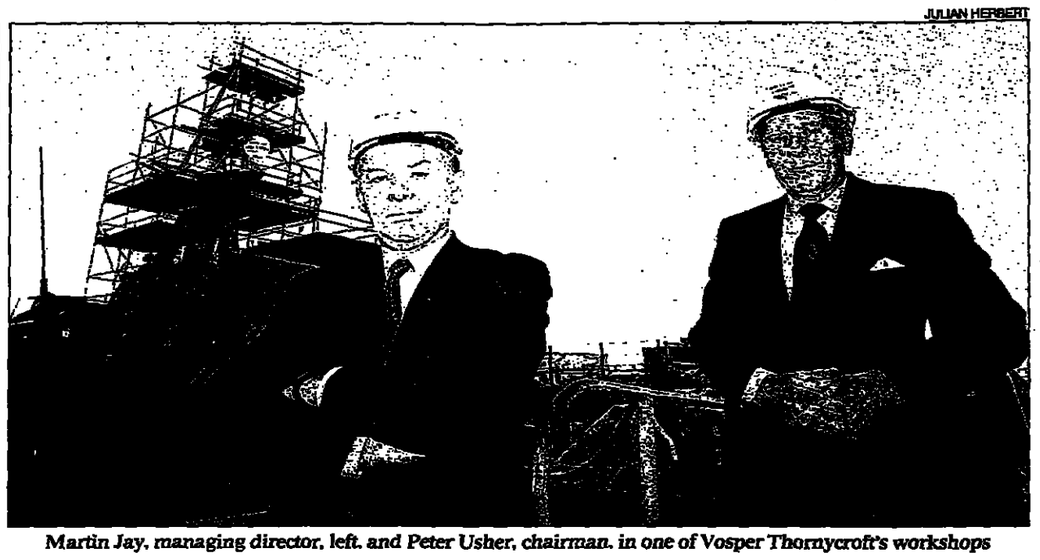
A spokesman for a leading insurance company said that the report failed to take account of the cost of capital for institutions and said that the UK rights issue system offered better value for money than the American bookbuilding method.

He added: "My view is that the fees are a bit on the low side. They offer better value than bookbuildings, which provide a turn on the shares for the investment banks involved."

Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the OFT, said that he was considering Professor Marsh's findings and would announce his own conclusions in the near future.

He said: "I commissioned this research because of the long-standing concerns of industrialists and others about underwriting fees and the generally fixed fee structure."

JULIAN HERBERT



Martin Jay, managing director, left, and Peter Usher, chairman, in one of Vosper Thornycroft's workshops

Exports swell Vosper order book

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

STRONG export growth helped the order book at Vosper Thornycroft Holdings, Britain's leading builder and exporter of minehunters and small warships, to top £600 million, with 70 per cent of orders overseas.

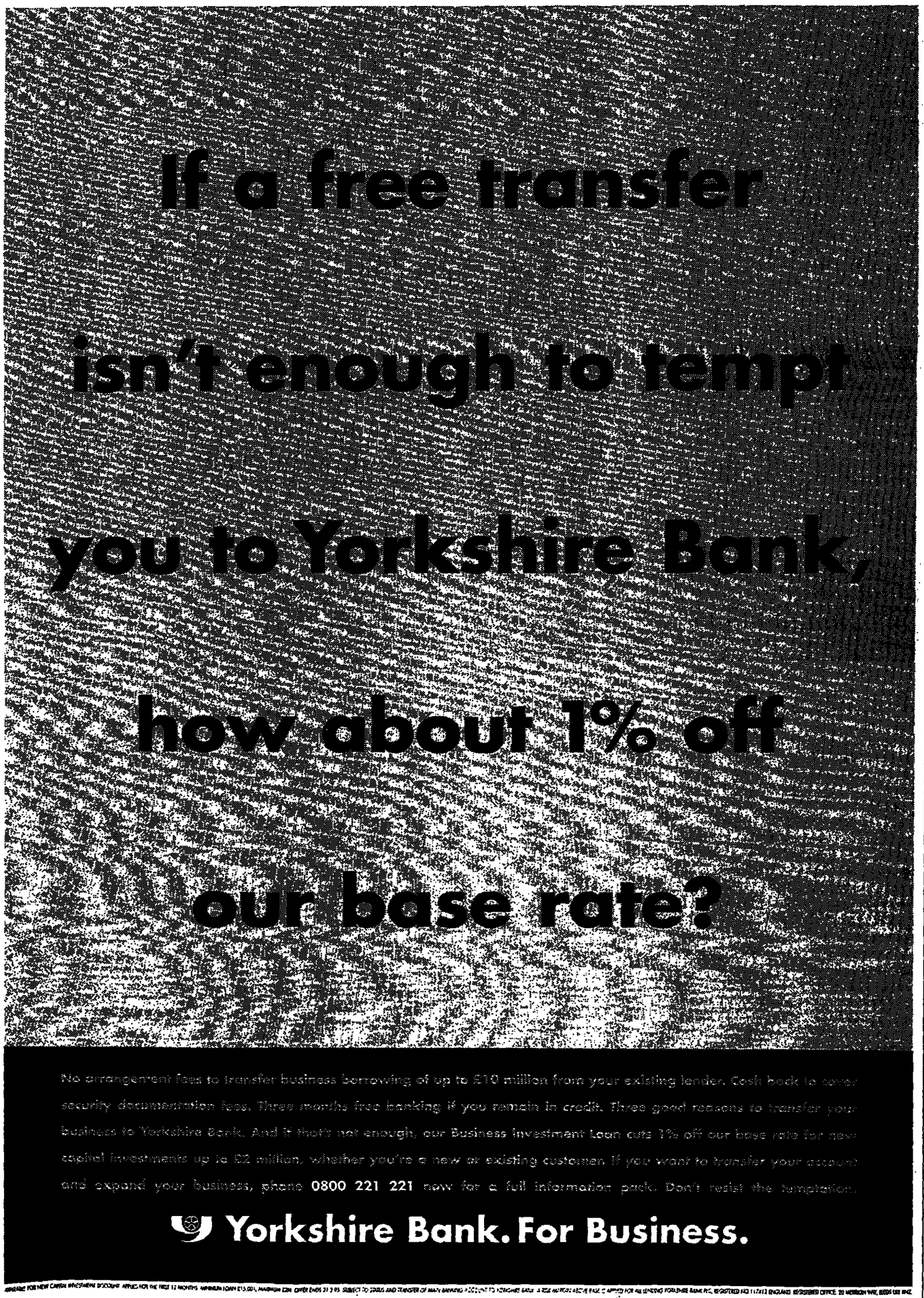
The Southampton shipbuilding and engineering group saw pre-tax profits advance 13 per cent to a better than expected £10.3 million in the six months to September 30. Turnover grew 12 per cent to £129 million, with 82 per cent coming from exports.

The group has 14 vessels under construction, including seven minehunters for the Royal Navy, with its workload extending to 2001. Vosper could take on further work as it is working at only about 60 to 70 per cent of capacity. Peter Usher, chairman, said: "It was particularly satisfying that we won the competition for the Sandown class minehunters for the Royal Navy in July and that the MoD placed an order for seven ships."

Chris Girling, finance director, said cash balances grew to £134 million. However, apart from some £60 million, much of this is in advances for orders. The group is considering potential acquisitions.

The interim dividend is raised to 6.1p (5.3p), from earnings ahead 10 per cent to 21.6p (19.6p) a share.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sturge names plan new year lawsuit

THE Sturge Names Action Group intends to launch legal proceedings in January to try to recover losses of more than £100 million incurred on the Sturge agency flagship syndicate 210. The action group is asking the 5,700 names on syndicate 210 to contribute to a litigating fund. Writs will then be served in the new year. Syndicate 210 was the largest non-marine syndicate at Lloyd's and was managed by Sturge, the largest Lloyd's agency. Its losses relate to asbestosis and pollution claims in America.

The action is the first of several planned by the group. It is considering taking action in relation to ten other Sturge syndicates. Together, the 11 syndicates lost £747 million in 1990 and 1991, a sum expected to top £1 billion as further claims feed through. The first action relates to syndicate 210's 1990 year of account. The action group alleges that the Sturge managing agency was negligent in terminating a reinsurance contract that provided unlimited cover.

MAM ends 'soft' deals

MERCURY Asset Management will stop accepting "soft commissions" at the start of next year as part of moves towards openness, but the broking arm of SG Warburg, its parent company, will continue to pay them. Colin Clark, director of pension fund business at MAM, said that soft commissions, where a fund manager accepts free goods or services from a broker, are a small part of the business. With soft commissions, a fund manager agrees to channel an agreed level of business through the broker, effectively paying commission from the client's pocket.

BA shelves Air Russia

BRITISH Airways said yesterday that it has indefinitely suspended plans to set up Air Russia, a new international airline it had hoped to establish at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport. BA said: "It has not been killed off completely but it has been put into cold storage until the political and economic situation in Russia stabilises and becomes more conducive towards such a project." BA said that Geoff Bridges, a former BA cargo managing director who was appointed to head Air Russia in 1993 is no longer involved in the project.

UK deals in India

BRITISH companies yesterday signed multimillion-pound deals in India. Richard Needham, the Trade Minister, is leading a week-long trade mission, accompanied by 200 business leaders, which ends tomorrow. Companies awarded contracts yesterday included Taylor Woodrow, regarding a road project west of Delhi; Costain, which is to build a river crossing near Bombay; Caparo Group, which has signed a deal with Maruti, the carmaker; and the University of Warwick, which is to train staff.

Estate agent curbed



SIR Bryan Carsberg, right, director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, has accepted assurances from Connell Residential, a chain of estate agents in southern England, and from the manager of the company's Cambridge branch, that they will stop erecting "Sold" boards outside properties where no sale has taken place. The assurances followed an initial investigation from Cambridgeshire Trading Standards Department.

PolyGram buys into rap

POLYGRAM, the Dutch recording group, is to pay $33 million for 50 per cent of RAL/Def Jam Recordings, a leading rap music record label. PolyGram has, since June, been Def Jam's US distributor and licensee outside America. Island Records will continue to run US marketing, PolyGram said. Def Jam, founded in 1983 in New York, has L L Cool J and the Beastie Boys on its list. Russel Simmons, Def Jam's founder, will be chairman and chief executive of the label. It will remain "creatively autonomous", he said.

EU industrial output rises

INDUSTRIAL production in the European Union rose by 6.5 per cent in August compared with the same month last year, making the seventh consecutive monthly rise, Eurostat, the union's statistics organisation reported yesterday.

Seasonally adjusted production for the three months to August was 2 per cent up on the March to May quarter.

Seasonally adjusted change for the August quarter was up most strongly in Italy, which showed a 5.4 per cent increase, followed by Greece, up 3.1 per cent, and Spain, up 2.7 per cent.

CURRENCIES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.04
Austria Sch	18.21	16.71
Belgium Fr	53.47	49.07
Canada $	2.257	2.057
Cyprus CypE	0.781	0.731
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.37
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.35
France Fr	8.89	8.19
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	398.00	373.00
Hong Kong $	12.81	11.81
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.98
Italy Lira	2605.00	2450.00
Japan Yen	169.50	155.50
Malta	0.618	0.563
Netherlds Gld	2.893	2.663
Norway Kr	11.30	10.50
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd	nat.	5.28
Spain Pta	210.50	194.50
Sweden Kr	12.22	11.42
Switzerland Fr	2.19	2.01
Turkey Lira	refer.	551310
USA $	1.672	1.542

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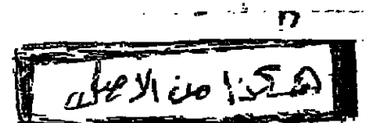


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☐ Electricity reform plans offer little ☐ Gas industry on best behaviour ☐ Dirty deal for the taxpayer

Academic power play

☐ CAN it be long before households will buy their gas from the local electricity company and their electricity from the gas company? The first will soon become a realistic option. If Professor Stephen Littlechild has his way, the full reversal of roles may become a paradoxical reality fit for the new millennium.

The power regulator, criticised for the burgeoning cash surpluses of regional electricity companies, is minded to embrace the fashionable drive to atomise the functions of utility companies. This philosophy of deconstruction, pioneered in the practical man's world of literary criticism, has already been adopted for the future framework of Britain's railways. It is being injected gradually into telecommunications and gas. It informed the privatisation of the former Central Electricity Generating Board via a less-than-heroic compromise. Now Professor Littlechild wants to extend its infectious logic to supply and distribution.

No problem there for the capital markets. The margins to be earned from trading electricity between generator and consumer are extremely thin. As middlemen for industrial customers, RECs add little value for any risk they choose to take. Their retail businesses are, for City investors, mere embarrassments. In accounting terms, the real profits are made from delivering electricity across their distribution networks, which will remain regulated monopolies.

By the same calculus, however, separating supply from distribution is an irrelevance for most consumers. Separating supply from power generation is what creates the healthy commercial tension. The price of electricity to households is largely determined by the costs of generation, distribution, National Grid charges, the various taxes and levies added by government — and by the decisions of the regulator.

Some savings can be made by not duplicating meter-reading or billing. There are unlikely to be any consistent benefits from the supply competition that will, in any case, increasingly become available to business users. Smart consumers could only save if smart meters allowed them to plug into pool prices and adjust hour-by-hour consumption accordingly.

Outside the increasingly academic world of utility regulation, the big money issue is more basic: who will get the windfall from floating the National Grid. In law, it belongs to the RECs that own it. But who cares about the rights of property? Claimants are lining up on all sides. The Chancellor will get first crack. The RECs have virtually conceded that some must go to their customers. Professor Littlechild thinks they have a strong claim for much more than the RECs have in mind. Perhaps he has a guilty conscience. Some critics claim that, because of the way he has valued the assets of the National Grid, consumers have paid twice, or have at least paid too much, for its services.

All sweetness and gaslight

☐ IT IS, at last, official, courtesy of the Queen's Speech. Legislation to end British Gas's domestic monopoly is on the way. Official reactions were much as might be expected. A spokesman for Utilicorp, a traditionally vocal independent, declared that the company was "delighted" and stressed that consumers



should welcome the event "because it will mean more choice and lower bills". Why, one wonders, did the Government ever procrastinate?

Richard Giordano, chairman of British Gas, reiterated the company's new-found enthusiasm (about as new as his appointment) for such competition but also reiterated the need for "appropriate safeguards". His chief executive, Cedric Brown, got down to the nitty gritties. "It is essential that all entrants share the obligations as well as the rewards". Almost as an afterthought, he added that it was also "important to establish a stable regulatory framework to end the uncertainty that has affected the gas industry". Hardly a devastating attack on Clare Spottiswoode.

The Consumers Association "welcomed" developments but called for "strict regulation". Polite, best behaviour stuff but not necessarily a reflection of the mood backstage. There have, of late, been significant changes to the transitional arrangements. Initially, it was proposed that the independents would take 5 per cent of the domestic gas market during 1996-97 and a further 5 per cent during 1997-98. Unfortunately, no one knew how such limits would be enforced. This gave way to a pilot scheme under which 500,000 consumers will be offered supplier choice, rising to 2 million the following year. But, in all probability, a General Election will intervene. Politicians will obviously dress the experiment up if successful, but what if aspects — such as computer systems — go wrong?

The independents, by all accounts, are far from pleased. Perish the thought that such displeasure might relate to delayed cherry-picking opportunities. Rumour has it that the blunt message from Westminster was that if the independents wanted legislation they would be well advised to shut up. Or at least be polite.

Cleaning up from atomic energy

☐ AMERICA's space programme spawned the Teflon saucepan and a great many bad jokes. Britain's atomic research programme has produced AEA Technology and a clean-up liability officially estimated to be between £6 billion and £12 billion.

As a unitary government authority, the Atomic Energy Authority earned an operating profit of £22.1 million in the year to end-March on total turnover of £405 million. Of this, £66.5 million of sales were achieved overseas, and £63.5 million were made to private industry in Britain. A further £100 million was spent cleaning up the mess the authority has made.

With sales of spin-off technology both at home and overseas growing by almost 30 per cent a year, some bright spark with an eye for the main chance spotted a serious personal opportunity to enhance personal wealth. Stripped of the liability for all those dirty old labs and redundant reactors, AEA Technology could turn into a private sector money-spinner, with annual sales approaching £250 million.

So the assets and liabilities were duly sundered and Sir Anthony Cleaver, the amiable former chairman of IBM UK, was hired to turn AEA Technology into a saleable business. All that remains is for Parliament to pass an enabling Bill. Then, managers can give themselves fat pay rises and dispense to shareholders the pathetic dividends of decades of costly, if ill-directed, public investment.

Oh, and taxpayers can keep on shelling out, this time to pay for the clean-up. Brilliant.

Notes in circulation

☐ IN THE Ukraine, cellulose is in such short supply that tons of old banknotes are being recycled to make toilet paper in varied hues recalling the original notes. Back home, the Bank of England stopped burning ex-currency on environmental grounds, but has yet to find an economic use for the briquettes extruded from its new granulating machines. The symbolic Ukrainian solution seems grimly satisfying.

JAMES MORGAN



Richard Eyre, Capital's managing director, saw the group's profit nearly double on turnover up 44 per cent

Pension worries hit Towry Law

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

SHARES in Towry Law, the chain of independent financial advisers, fell sharply from 130p to 86p after the company disclosed that it has 500 pension transfers under review after the Securities and Investment Board report into mis-selling of pensions.

The company, whose shares were floated on the stock market at 190p just a year ago, also said that income in the current year was down by 10 per cent and that there would be a pre-tax loss of £1.25 million at the interim stage. This compares with profits of £565,000 last time. The interim dividend will be maintained, the company said.

Alan Wesley, chief executive, said that it was too early to judge whether individual clients were entitled to compensation, but it was "inevitable that some problem cases would emerge". The number of pensions under review was significantly lower than originally expected and the company was confident about its general standard of advice on pension transfers, said Mr Wesley.

He acknowledged that the financial results would be disappointing, but said that Towry Law's performance mirrored that of other companies in the sector, affected by a lacklustre stock market, adverse publicity about pensions and public concern about economic recovery.

Mr Wesley welcomed higher standards of compliance and said that Towry Law would "thrive in a leaner, cleaner environment". By contrast, there were a large number of small, independent financial advisers who, "I fear, will go to the wall", he said.

Hambros hit by securities loss

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HAMBROS, the City merchant bank, said its securities clearing subsidiary traded at a loss in the half year to the end of September, contributing to a 45.6 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £21.5 million.

Hambros had warned last month that profits would be lower.

The bank's interim dividend has been held at 4.5p on its ordinary shares, to be paid on December 23, and 2.1p on its non-voting shares. The dividend was just covered by earnings of 4.8p a share, down from 11.7p.

Despite the profits fall Hambros said that, with the exception of the securities clearing subsidiary, all other UK and overseas divisions made a positive contribution.

The profits figure was at the higher end of the £18 million to £23 million range given at the beginning of last month when the group said first-half profits would be damaged by bond market instability.

Sir Chips Keswick, the deputy chairman, said: "On balance, most of our activities were marginally down and our costs were marginally up." Administrative expenses increased from £145.7 million to £168.4 million.

Lord Hambro, the chairman, said: "Despite the difficulties in some markets, we remain very active in most fields of banking, while any upturn in the housing market will have a greater impact on overall group profitability now we have expanded Hambro Countrywide's network."

Hambro Countrywide is the estate agency business. It moved from a profit of £1.3 million in the first half of 1993 to a loss of £750,000.

Cost-cutting and cold weather lift British Gas

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Gas achieved a sharp increase in profit during the first nine months of the year as cost-cutting, cold weather and reduced exploration spending amply outweighed the effects of tougher regulation.

Pre-tax profits in the period to September 30 rose by 32.6 per cent, to £748 million, even though turnover, at £7.05 billion, fell by £28 million.

The biggest improvement came during the latest quarter. In spite of a blazing June, losses in the summer months, when demand is slackest, were reduced to £225 million, a £108 million improvement on the same months of 1993.

In a statement accompanying the figures, the company credited its exploration and production division with most of the loss reduction. However, the decline in outgoings was partly caused by a slowdown in activity. Spending on the North Morecambe development is now largely complete, and the sale of Bow Valley Energy, the Canadian gas business, is complete.

Exploration and production turnover decreased in the third quarter by £14 million, to £165 million, reflecting the Bow Valley sale. Operating profits from exploration and production were said by British Gas to have improved because of lower levels of exploration activity, royalties and other operating costs.

Over the first nine months, exploration and production turnover fell by £29 million, to £742 million, because of lower gas production from the Morecambe field. Operating costs were £26 million lower because of reduced levels of exploration, resulting in operating profits similar to last year.

Some 7,000 of the company's 70,000 workers left during the first nine months, said Richard Giordano, the chairman. The benefits would be felt in future years, he said.

The job losses are the first of 25,000 planned in a five-year programme of restructuring as British Gas prepares for the world's first competitive gas market. Mr Giordano said that the restructuring was continuing ahead of schedule.

The programme will be given fresh impetus after the Queen's Speech to Parliament yesterday confirmed government plans for legislation to prepare the legal framework for full competition.

British Gas is already working to separate its gas transmission arm, the core of its UK activities, into a service company delivering gas from up to 30 suppliers to factories, offices and homes around the country. One of those suppliers will be Business Gas, owned by British Gas, but operating independently.

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Record profit at Capital

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

RICHARD Eyre, managing director of Capital Radio, is confident about prospects despite increased competition for advertising revenue.

Capital earned record pre-tax profits of £22.1 million in the year to September 30, up from £11.7 million in the previous year and including a £4.23 million exceptional gain from the disposal to GWR of its East Midlands radio stations. Earnings rose to 22.8p (11.3p) a share. The total dividend rises 26 per cent to 7.25p, with a final of 5p (4p).

Capital's principal operations are the two leading London radio stations, Capital FM and Capital Gold. It also operates two local radio stations in Birmingham and has minority interests in other local radio groups.

Turnover, boosted by the £32.6 million takeover of Southern Radio and a sharp increase in Capital's core businesses, expanded 44 per cent to £51.7 million. Existing businesses grew 30 per cent.

In a year when commercial radio attracted more listeners than the BBC for the first time, Capital achieved a 20 per cent share of the London audience by listening hours.

Further remand for Nadir aide

BY JON ASHWORTH

ELIZABETH Forsyth, a former top aide to Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, was remanded on bail for another six weeks yesterday at the request of investigators seeking a vital piece of evidence from authorities in Switzerland.

Mrs Forsyth, who faces two charges of handling £88,050 and £307,000 in stolen funds, was remanded until December 29 by Bow Street Magistrates. Bail was extended on condition that she lodged £20,000 in sureties, surrendered her passport, did not apply for travel documents, and continued to live with her mother in Essex.

Mrs Forsyth, 58, a former chairman of South Audley Management, returned voluntarily to Britain from Cyprus in September, four years after the dawn raid that triggered the collapse of the Polly Peck fruit-to-electronics empire.



Forsyth: two charges

Reporting restrictions were lifted on application by Mrs Forsyth's solicitor, Peter Krivinskas, despite opposition by the Serious Fraud Office.

He told the court: "Mrs Forsyth came back to this country. She considers she has nothing to be concerned about. She is quite happy for an order to be given at this stage for the lifting of reporting restrictions."

Peter Kiernan, a solicitor with the SFO, argued that the lifting of restrictions could prejudice the outstanding trial "of someone who is not in this jurisdiction" — an apparent reference to Mr Nadir. John Holland, the presiding magistrate, said he did not have the discretion to oppose the lifting of restrictions.

The court heard that the SFO is still trying to obtain a vital piece of evidence from Switzerland. It was hoped that the evidence would be obtained within the next six weeks, allowing Mrs Forsyth's case to be transferred to Crown Court for hearing.

Mr Kiernan said: "We have made efforts to speak to the Swiss authorities who have outstanding evidence we require before we can proceed to transfer. They have indicated they hope it will be available before Christmas, but... we can't guarantee that."

Mr Nadir, who jumped bail of £3.5 million last year and fled to northern Cyprus, faces charges of theft and false accounting involving £30 million. He has been implicated in the shooting of a Coopers & Lybrand employee in Istanbul, and is said to be coming under increasing financial pressure. He remains isolated in a fortified villa protected by a 30-50 strong private army.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Inflation figures help to keep shares buoyant

BONDS and share prices rose sharply in response to some good news on the inflation front, as fears that the Bank of England would follow the lead of the Federal Reserve and raise interest rates subsided for the time being, at least.

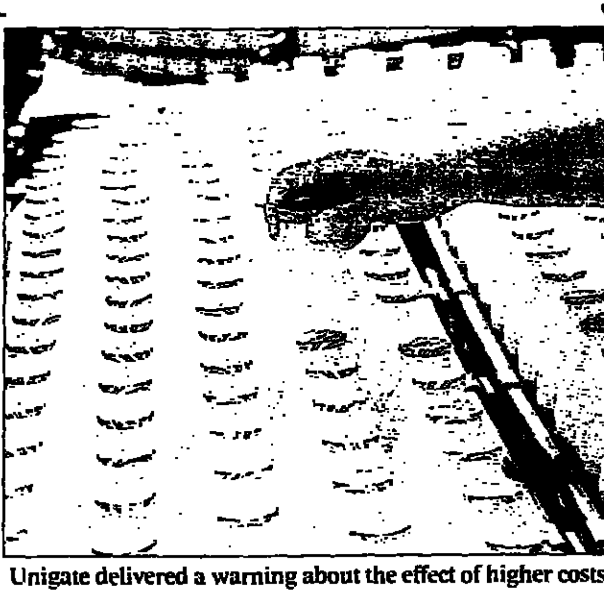
At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was almost 33 points higher before coming off the boil after an uncertain start to trading on Wall Street. It ended the day 11.1 points up at 3,146.5, for a two-day lead of 51.2. Turnover fell short of Tuesday's target, but at 659 million, was still up on recently depressed levels.

The inflation figures and the drop in the number of jobless were just the tonic the London stock market needed in the wake of this week's ¾-point rise in US interest rates. Re-assurances by the Chancellor that he was not inclined to follow the lead of the Fed also bolstered fragile investor confidence.

Brokers say that if the dollar can hold on to to some of its recent gains, there is further scope for improvement in the equity market.

There was plenty of demand for the leaders, with **Inchcape** adding 11p at 442p in belated response to a buy recommendation from NatWest Securities, the broker. **Hanson** marked time at 232p, in spite of a push by Hoare Govett, its own broker, which pointed out that the shares had underperformed by 10 per cent. **Vendome** failed to join in the rest of the market's euphoria, finishing all-square at 513p after James Capel, the broker, became cautious of the shares.

Grand Metropolitan touched 420p before ending the session 4p higher at 417p as speculation intensified that the group is about to bail out of Inntrepreneur, its joint venture with Courage, owned by the Australian brewer Foster's. The two companies got together at the height of the property boom in the 1980s in order to exploit the value of its 6,000-strong pub chain. But the property market collapsed as did beer consumption. The company has also been fighting a fierce battle through the courts with rebel pub landlords who have refused to sign new contracts. After hefty writedowns by both companies of their investments, brokers believe Grand Met has decided enough is enough. In its annual report, GrandMet said it would find a solution to Inntrepreneur by the year-end.



Unigate delivered a warning about the effect of higher costs

British Gas firmed 1½p to 305p, with reduced losses for the traditionally weaker third quarter. Net losses were £164 million (£225 million). Some estimates had suggested a deficit of up to £264 million. The colder weather and lower interest charges benefited the group to the tune of £140 million. A total of 7,000 jobs had been shed.

Unigate firmed 2p to 357p, in spite of offering a gloomy scenario on trading prospects after the introduction of Milk Marque, which replaced the Milk Marketing Board. Unigate said high prices were likely to wipe £10 million from trading profits in the current year. Costs were expected to soar by £40 million, and the group warned of rationalisation and further job losses. During the first six months, the group raised pre-tax profits £3.4 million to £50.3 million, mainly the result of increased productivity and cost cutting. The company refused to comment on recent speculation that it is poised to bid for rival Dairy Crest.

British Land clung on to an 8p rise at 388p, in spite of an uninspiring set of first-half figures and a profit warning.

Hambros, the merchant bank, shrugged off an expected drop in half-year figures to finish 13p higher at 235p. Pre-tax profits were down from £39.5 million to £21.5 million, with the group blaming adverse stock market conditions.

This week's upturn in stock market volumes and improved sentiment did, however, benefite some of the other publicly quoted financial houses. **SG Warburg**, which issued a profits warning last month, continued to rally, adding 23p at 670p. There were also gains for **Kleinwort Benson**, 9p to 484p, **Gerrard & National**, 8p to 486p, **Henderson Administration**, 33p to £10.33, **M&G Group**, 28p to £10.23, **Mercury Asset Management**, the quoted arm of Warburg, 22p to 655p, and **Smith New Court**, 5p to 364p.

A profits warning left **Towry Law**, the pension funds specialist, 46p lower at 86p. The group said income levels were down 10 per cent in the first four months of this year, and a loss of £1.25 million was expected in the first six months.

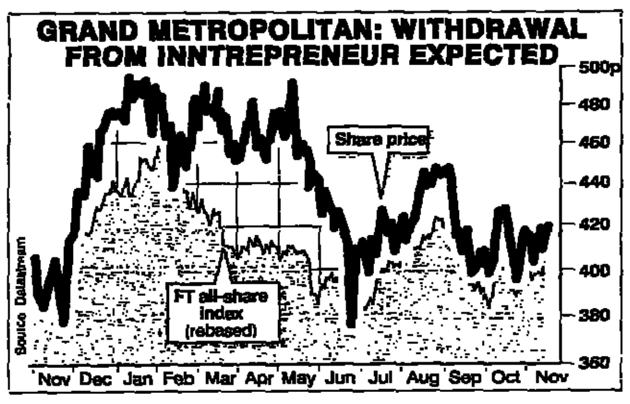
Keep an eye on **WMGO**, the fast-growing corporate marketing specialist, headed by Bob Morton and Ian Perry. Yesterday, the group weighed in with a 26 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £254,000. Beeson Gregory, the company's own broker, has pencilled in £2.2 million for the full year, compared with £1.2 million last time, although some followers of the company claim this could be on the conservative side.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts recovered from a hesitant start, helped by the better than expected UK inflation news and the latest US consumer price index. Prices were driven sharply higher with the Bank of England exhausting remaining supplies of the last outstanding tap Treasury index-linked 2½ per cent 2024.

Prices, however, failed to hold their best, ending with modest gains on the day. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt touched £102²³⁄₃₂ before settling just three ticks higher at £102⅛ as a total of 109,000 contracts were completed. At the longer end of the cash market, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed £⅛ to £104¼, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was three ticks better at £103¹¹⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares were mixed at midday, with strength in Boeing helping to push blue chips higher in defiance of a weak bond market and negative market breadth. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.01 points at 3,827.37, while declines led advancing issues by about 11 to nine.

Lucas Industries stood out with a rise of 7p at 207p as Kleinwort Benson restated its view that the group is a growth stock. Investors took this as a sign that other automotive suppliers are ripe to buy after underperforming recently. Gainers included BBA, 9p to 207p, GKN, 11p to 642p, and T&N 11p to 229p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3827.37 (+1.01)
S&P Composite .... 464.76 (-0.27)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19306.66 (-85.02)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9992.24 (+26.58)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 412.10 (-0.11)

Sydney:
AO .... 1940.3 (-1.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... Closed

Singapore:
Straits .... 2346.50 (+5.32)

Brussels:
General .... 7207.28 (-1.39)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1950.20 (-4.33)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 661.80 (+2.60)

London:
FT 30 .... 2418.6 (+10.2)
FT 100 .... 3146.5 (+11.1)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3582.8 (+22.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1358.69 (+3.99)
FT A All-Share .... 1560.20 (+6.30)
FT Non Financials .... 1681.73 (+6.25)
FT Gold Mines .... 239.0 (+1.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 108.22 (+0.30)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.59 (+0.24)
Bargains 25766
SEAQ Volume 659.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 155.64 (+0.49)
US$ .... 1.5715 (-0.0115)
German Mark .... 2.4374 (-0.0094)
Exchange Index .... 79.7 (-0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2757
£:SDR 1.0809
RPI .... 145.2 Oct (2.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	6	...
Abtrust Latin Am	87	+1
Abtrust Latin Wts	52	...
Adare Prntg	186	...
BZW Commodities (100)	88	...
BZW Commodities Wts	39	...
Calluna	104	+8
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Ennemix (63)	66	...
Filtronic Comtek	155	+4
Finsbury Smlr C (100)	100	...
Games Workshop (115)	112	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	22	-1
Hambros Sml Asian	56	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
H Gov 1000 Index (100)	101	...
INVESCO Korea C	99	...
Irish Permanent (180)	220	+4
Prolific Inc A/L	486	...
Servisair (135)	148	+3
TLG (115)	126	...
Tele-Cine Cell (170)	168	-2
Whitchurch	60	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bullers n/p (20)	1	...
Kenwood App n/p (310)	20	+1
Mardin Int n/p (27)	3	...
Matthew Clark n/p (500)	21	...
Novo n/p (26)	¼	...
Pressac n/p (85)	11	-2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Hambros .... 235p (+13p)
Farnell Elect .... 530p (+17p)
Inchcape .... 442p (+11p)
SG Warburg .... 671p (+24p)
Caradon .... 293p (+15p)
Hepworth .... 329p (+10p)
Wolseley .... 790p (+19p)
GKN .... 642p (+11p)
Everest .... 69p (+13p)

FALLS:
Young 'A' .... 483p (-12p)
Wardle Storeys .... 352p (-11p)
Land Sec .... 606p (-17p)
Ramco Energy .... 240p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

City's rewards of risk

THE OFT has entered a minefield by embarking on an investigation of the pricing of sub-underwriting commissions. The endless delays and consultation strongly hint that the OFT is searching for an honourable exit when it publishes its own opinion.

Opponents of Professor Paul Marsh's views say that the option valuation model cannot be used effectively for a major rights issue because the effect of buying a put option on such a large slug of shares would send the share price plummeting. Others counter that the differing levels of risk are reflected in the level of discount at which the rights are issued.

Arcane arguments about option pricing models are interesting but conceal a wider debate about the way City institutions raise funds for companies using rights. The system could not be further removed from a free market as the participants — merchant banks, stockbrokers and funds — are bound together in an incestuous commercial relationship designed to ensure that the profits from share issuing activity are spread evenly and the risk minimised.

Institutions which ultimately take the risk get a very handsome return, equivalent to 15 per cent per annum, on funds which are already being invested elsewhere. What is missing from the current practice is transparency in the pricing of risk. A system in which the broker who prices the rights issue is answerable to the merchant bank which bears the initial risk and not to the company which pays the fees is suspect. It is, in the end, another reason for investors to be wary of companies which have recourse to rights issues.

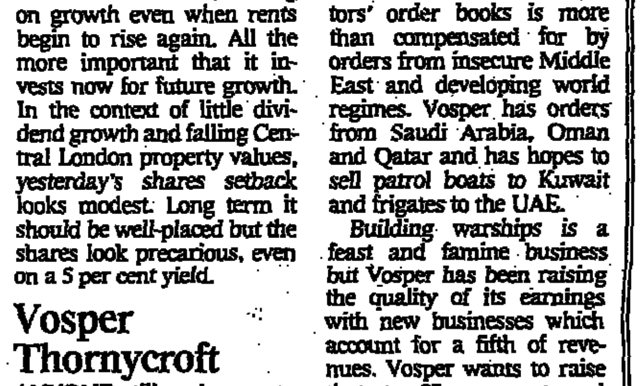
Unigate

UNIGATE refused to cry over spilt milk yesterday, choosing instead to put on a brave face. But the financial pressure of the new milk regime is becoming clear. Costs have risen 11 per cent since November 1 when Milk Marque came into being and will add an extra £40 million a year. All of that cannot be recouped through price rises and so the bottom line will be adversely hit by £10 million this year.

After solid interim results the second half is going to be a lot tougher. Profits from the dairy businesses will come under pressure not only from the rise in raw milk prices but also from the continuing move away from doorstep deliveries towards supermarket purchases. A business that has significantly lower margins for Unigate. The Wincanton distribution continues to battle with intense competition on rates, which makes progress difficult.

There seems little prospect of any turnaround in that situation for the time being. Meanwhile the US restaurant operations remain sluggish. Like for like sales since the end of the first half are down 5 per cent, as they were in the first 6 months.

But Unigate is not without some aces up its sleeve. Its fresh foods business looks strong and its 32 per cent stake in Nutricia, the Dutch baby food group, is now worth more than £200 million. Nevertheless, the shares are well up with events.



Land Securities

BIG property companies have been warning about poor prospects for revenue growth for more than a year. It is ironic that when Land Securities announces sensible plans to deal with the problem, the market takes fright about falling profits.

The problem is dividend: while investors accepted the prospect of flat revenues from Land Securities, they hoped for reasonable dividend uplifts as the company eroded its cover over the next two or three years as it waited for rental growth to return.

That assumed the company would stand still, but Land Securities needs to redevelop its old office stock if it is to compete, and that costs money. A less transparent company might capitalise the costs and hide its loss of earnings but Land Securities will not play that game and the full cost of its £350 million construction programme will reduce profits next year and should limit dividend growth to about 1p per year over the next few years.

Among the top property groups, Land Securities has more buildings let at rents above market rates, a drag on growth even when rents begin to rise again. All the more important that it invests now for future growth. In the context of little dividend growth and falling Central London property values, yesterday's shares setback looks modest. Long term it should be well-placed but the shares look precarious, even on a 5 per cent yield.

Vosper Thornycroft

ANYONE still curious as to why GEC and BAe are fighting over a small shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness need only travel to Southampton where Vosper Thornycroft, VSEL's rival, is earning pots of money making warships for export. Vosper's order book has surged to record levels in excess of £600 million with well over two thirds of it not dependent on UK defence procurement. As OECD defence budgets are trimmed, the slack in defence contractors' order books is more than compensated for by orders from insecure Middle East and developing world regimes. Vosper has orders from Saudi Arabia, Oman and Qatar and has hopes to sell patrol boats to Kuwait and frigates to the UAE.

Building warships is a feast and famine business but Vosper has been raising the quality of its earnings with new businesses which account for a fifth of revenues. Vosper wants to raise that to 35 per cent and intends to bid to take over Royal Navy maintenance, training and refuelling operations. With ample cash resources, acquisitions should prove no strain but it is all reflected in a share price multiple of 13 times market estimates of 1996 earnings.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	953-952	Mar	1043-1042
Mar	978-977	May	1055-1054
May	985-984	Jul	1065-1064
Jul	998-996	Sep	1077-1073
Sep	1010-1009		
Dec	1025-1024	Volume:	7986

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3300-3280	Jul	3220-3215
Jan	3325-3320	Sep	3210-3190
Mar	3270-3265	Nov	3200-3180
May	3245-3240	Volume:	4302

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	343.2-41.5
Spot: 394.0		Dec	342.3-39.0
Mar	382.2-81.8	Mar	342.2-38.5
May	377.0-76.5	May	342.7-37.0
Aug	369.2-68.5	Volume:	1304

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	76.73	104.07	115.39
(+/-)	+1.55	+2.90	+0.19
Eng/Wales:	76.71	104.05	113.32
(+/-)	+0.98	+2.91	-0.06
(%)	-9.0	-16.0	-1.0
Scotland	76.89	104.14	123.55
(+/-)	+6.02	+2.81	+0.24
(%)	-40.0	-4.0	+12.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.65	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.55	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.40	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.50	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.50	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B: 173 (+1)	O: 174 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	151 (-1)	153 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	151 (-2)	153 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	153 (-2)	155 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	105 (-2)	107 (-2)
Naphtha	169 (-1)	171 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	149.50-49.75	Mar	153.00-53.25
Jan	151.75-52.00	Apr	151.50 BID
Feb	153.00-53.25		Vol: 14631

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	16.59-16.60	Apr	16.20-16.25
Feb	16.43-16.44	May	16.30 SLR
Mar	16.30 BID		Vol: 35599

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	105.00	Nov	100.00
Jan	108.35	Jan	102.65
Mar	107.35	Mar	105.00
May	109.40	May	106.00
Jul	111.25	Sep	93.00
Volume: 300		Volume: 20	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	255.0	268.30
May	unq	265.00
		Volume: 408

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec 82.00-82.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 94	1875	1860	1873
Dec 94	1850	1820	1850
Jan 95	1765	1718	1760
Apr 95	1700	1665	1699
Vol: 182 lots		Open interest: 2766	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2875.0-2876.0	2820.0-2821.0	3604200
Lead ($/tonne)	683.00-684.00	700.00-701.00	168025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1180.0-1181.0	1204.0-1205.0	804250
Tin ($/tonne)	6260.0-6265.0	6355.0-6360.0	38190
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1914.0-1916.0	1927.0-1928.0	1635550
Nickel ($/tonne)	7700.0-7710.0	7840.0-7845.0	126132

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	600	26	38	46½	16	24	35
(*611½)	650	7	17	24½	48½	53½	65
Argyll	260	20½	27½	33½	6½	11½	17
(*274½)	280	9½	17	22½	16	21	27½
ASDA	60	8	9½	10½	1½	3½	4
(*66)	70	2½	4½	5	6½	8½	9
Boots	500	30	42½	51	9½	15	22
(*516)	550	8	19	26½	39½	41½	48½
Br Airways	360	31	42½	49½	7½	13½	20½
(*385)	390	14	26½	33½	20½	27	34½
BP	420	23	32	40	9	17½	22
(*428)	460	6	14	22½	34	37½	44
Br Steel	140	17½	23	25	2	4	6½
(*157)	160	5½	11½	14	10	13	15
C & W	390	23	36	44½	14	21½	27
(*399)	420	11	22½	30½	31½	38	43
CU	543	26	34½	—	16	31½	—
(*548½)	592	7½	15	—	47½	63½	—
ICI	750	55	66	78	8½	26	34
(*788)	800	25½	38½	51½	29½	50½	58½
Kingfishr	460	32	43	49½	11½	16	27½
(*473½)	500	12	24	30	31½	38½	49½
Land Sec.	600	20	33	40	15	20½	32
(*607)	650	4	14½	18½	51½	53	64
M & S	390	29	39	44½	4½	9	15½
(*410)	420	11	22	27½	17½	21	29
Nat West	500	42	53	61½	7½	22½	27½
(*531)	550	15	28	37½	30½	49½	54
Sainsbury	390	38½	50	55½	4½	10½	16
(*419½)	420	17½	31	37½	14	22½	29
Shell	700	33	43½	51	11	25	30
(*712½)	750	9½	18½	27½	40½	53½	58
Smkl Bch	420	22½	33½	41½	13	21½	27
(*427)	460	7½	16½	24½	37½	44½	49½
Storehse	200	22	25½	29½	3	4½	8
(*219)	220	8½	13½	18	10	12½	17
Trafalgar	80	7	9½	12	3	5½	6½
(*83½)	90	2½	5	7½	9	11	12
Unilever	1100	53½	75	86½	16	33½	44½
(*1135)	1150	26	47½	60	39	59	69½
Zeneca	850	42	57	69	19½	38½	46
(*865)	900	19½	35½	46	47	66½	73½

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met.	390	30	38½	45	0	10	13½
(*419½)	420	7	19	28	6½	23	26½
Ladbroke	140	18	23	26	0	2½	6
(*156)	160	2½	10½	14½	4	9½	15
Utd Bisc	300	19½	28½	34½	0½	4½	12½
(*319)	330	1½	12½	19	12½	17½	29½

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	18½	29½	36	13	18½	25½
(*500)	525	8	18	—	29½	32½	—
Thames W	460	48	58½	66	4	8½	17½
(*499½)	500	21½	33	41½	16	23½	35

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	460	9	27	37	3	17	31
(*465½)	500	0½	11½	19	34½	40½	55
BTR	300	14½	25½	30½	1	7	13½
(*313½)	330	0½	10	16	17	22	30
Br Aero	460	15½	40	52	6½	22½	30½
(*470½)	500	1½	25	34½	31½	45	58½
Br Telcm	390	5½	14½	22½	5	16½	20½
(*391½)	420	0	4½	11	28½	38	40
Cadbury	420	22	34	40	1	8	15½
(*441)	460	1	13½	20	19½	27	37
Guinness	460	11½	26½	34½	1½	10	20½
(*469)	500	0	9½	15½	31	33½	43½
GEC	280	10	17½	23½	0	8½	11
(*288)	300	1	7½	13½	12	19½	21½
Hanson	220	13	16½	20	0	5½	9½
(*232½)	240	1	6½	10½	8	15½	19½
LASMO	134	12½	—	—	0	—	—
(*146)	154	1	—	—	8½	—	—
Lucas	200	8½	17½	23	1	7	11½
(*207)	220	0½	9	13½	13	18	22½
Pilkngtn	180	8	13	17½	0½	5½	7½
(*187½)	200	0	4½	8½	12½	17½	19
Prudential	300	24	32½	36	0	5	11
(*323½)	330	2	14	18½	8	16½	26
Redland	460	17½	34½	44	1	14	27½
(*475)	500	1	16	25	25	35	51
Royal Ins	280	9	23	28½	2½	13	19
(*286)	300	1	13½	19½	14½	24	30
Tesco	240	12	20½	27½	0	6	11½
(*251½)	260	1	9½	17	9	15½	22
Vodafone	200	16	21½	28½	0	6	9
(*215½)	217	3	12	—	4½	13	—
Williams	354	5	—	—	4	—	—
(*354½)	384	0	—	—	29½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3147)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Nov	147½	97½	51	15½	3	1
Dec	172	133	96½	68	46	28½
Jan	201	164	130	100	76	54½
Feb	219½	183	152½	122½	98	77
Jun	267	—	208	—	157	—
Puts						
Nov	1	2	5½	21½	64	114
Dec	21	31½	47	69½	98	131½
Jan	43	56	73	93½	119½	149½
Feb	52	65	84½	105½	131½	161½
Jun	98	—	128	—	176	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	420	15½	27	32½	9½	22½	29
(*423½)	460	2½	10½	16½	37	48½	54
Amstrad	25	4½	5½	6½	0½	1	2
(*29)	30	1½	3	4	2½	3½	4½
Barclays	600	28½	46½	54½	10	27	33½
(*614½)	650	7	22½	32	39	55	61½
Blue Circ.	300	17	25½	32½	5½	11½	19½
(*310)	330	4½	11½	19	23	28	36½
Br Gas	300	12	22	27½	4½	10½	18
(*304½)	330	1½	9½	13½	25½	28	35½
Dixons	180	13½	18½	24	4½	8½	14
(*188)	200	4	9½	14½	14½	19½	24½
Forte	220	16½	23½	27	3	6½	11½
(*233)	240	4½	12½	16½	11½	15	21½
Hillsdwn	160	17	20½	24	1	3½	7
(*175)	180	4½	8½	13	8	11½	17½
Lonrho	160	8	14	20	5	11	14
(*162½)	180	1½	6	10½	18½	23½	26
Sears	110	4½	9½	10	3	6	9½
(*110½)	120	1	4½	5½	10	12	14½
Thm Emi.	950	59	71	95½	6	18	27
(*998½)	1000	24½	41½	64½	20	39	48
Tomkins	220	9½	16	22½	5	11	14
(*224)	240	2	8	13½	17½	22½	25½
TSB	220	15	20½	24½	2½	9	12½
(*231½)	240	4½	10	15	12	20	23
Wellcome.	650	40	61	76	14	28	42½
(*672½)	700	16	36½	51½	39	53½	68

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	46	58½	73	15	29½	37
(*625½)	650	20	33½	48½	39½	56	63
HSBC	750	43	61½	77½	24½	46½	59½
(*762½)	900	21	39½	55½	52½	76	86
Reuter	460	39½	49½	59	6½	16½	21
(*488½)	500	17	29	37½	23½	34½	39½

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	18	23	26	0	3	6½
(*178)	180	2½	11	14½	4	10½	15½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	120	10½	16½	20	4½	8½	10½
(*125½)	130	5½	11½	15½	9½	13½	15½

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	800	17	45	65	9	42	53½
(*809)	850	1½	27	43	42½	70½	80½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	500	16	32	44½	14	24	33
(*504)	550	2	13½	25	50	55½	62½
Scot Pwr	360	14½	23½	34	12½	23	29
(*360)	390	4½	12	22	32½	41	47

November 16, 1994 Tot: 56409 Call: 32149 Put: 24260 FT-SE Call: 13170 Put: 7309
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3132.0	3184.0	3130.0	3151.0	18735
Previous open interest: 59430	Mar 95	3157.0	3198.0	3155.0	3167.5	328
FT-SE 250	Dec 94	3593.0	3610.0	3593.0	3602.5	7
Previous open interest: 4166	Mar 95	0				
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.57	93.73	93.56	93.69	47413
Previous open interest: 497530	Mar 95	92.77	93.01	92.72	92.95	87109
	Jun 95	92.18	92.42	92.14	92.36	27048
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	93.93	93.93	93.92	93.88	265
Previous open interest: 4297	Mar 95	93.42	93.42	93.41	93.36	69
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.84	94.84	94.82	94.82	11869
Previous open interest: 707805	Mar 95	94.66	94.66	94.60	94.61	34588
Long Gilt	Dec 94	101-28	102-23	101-17	102-04	109830
Previous open interest: 106821	Mar 95	100-28	101-28	100-28	101-11	2570
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.82	107.86	107.75	107.85	612
	Mar 95	107.09	107.19	107.07	107.18	2480
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	90.59	90.70	90.12	90.17	154934
Previous open interest: 207923	Mar 95	89.72	89.76	89.30	89.31	4481
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.99	94.07	93.99	94.03	1292
Previous open interest: 24246	Mar 95	93.64	93.74	93.61	93.67	1083
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.91	95.94	95.89	95.94	1792
Previous open interest: 47254	Mar 95	95.67	95.67	95.61	95.64	6909
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	101.30	101.68	100.68	100.72	49824
Previous open interest: 64092	Mar 95	100.37	100.60	99.84	99.76	933

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4½ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5²¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 5²¹⁄₃₂.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝-5⅞	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂	5³¹⁄₃₂-5²⁷⁄₃₂	6⅜-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7
Interbank:	5⅞-5⅝	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¾	6⅛-5⅞	6½-6⅜	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 5¼, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	6	6⅜	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7¹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.53	n/a	5.84	6.12	6.74
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅝	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6½-6⅜	7⅛-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1994 Agreed rates Nov 26, 1994 to Dec 25, 1994 Scheme III: 7.23%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1994 to Oct 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.968%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-5	5⅝-5½	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	6⅛-5⅞	4¾-3¾
Deutschemark:	5-4⅞	5-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5-4
French Franc:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	5¼-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3⅜	3¾-3½	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆	4¼-4	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.60-386.10 Close: $386.00-386.50 High: $386.50-387.00
Low: $384.85-385.35 AM: $385.50 PM: $386.25

Krugerrand: $365.75-367.75 (£245.50-247.50)

Platinum: $414.75 (£264.70) Silver: $5.24 (£3.335) Palladium: $156.50 (£99.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7291-2.7472	2.7292-2.7325	¼pr-par	¾-½pr
Brussels	50.11-50.47	50.11-50.21	6-1pr	16-10pr
Copenhagen	9.5210-9.5820	9.5250-9.5400	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-½pr
Dublin	1.0165-1.0199	1.0169-1.0196	4-1pr	11-6pr
Frankfurt	2.4359-2.4511	2.4359-2.4392	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	248.53-250.15	248.53-249.17	74-81ds	234-252ds
Madrid	202.53-203.85	202.86-203.15	30-39ds	91-106ds
Milan	2492.70-2508.70	2494.70-2498.00	4-6ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.1385-2.1502	2.1434-2.1465	0.12-0.04pr	0.23-0.10pr
New York	1.5676-1.5752	1.5710-1.5720	0.02pr-par	0.08-0.06pr
Oslo	10.6670-10.7350	10.6680-10.6840	⅛-1⅛ds	2⅝-4ds
Paris	8.3600-8.4170	8.3730-8.3880	⅛-⅝pr	1⅝-1⅛pr
Stockholm	11.5360-11.6490	11.5460-11.5700	1⅝-2⅛ds	4⅞-6⅛ds
Tokyo	154.42-155.46	154.53-154.80	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Vienna	17.14-17.27	17.15-17.19	1⅝-1pr	5¼-3⅛pr
Zurich	2.0499-2.0626	2.0498-2.0528	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3297-1.3306
Austria	10.94-10.95
Belgium (Com)	31.98-32.02
Canada	1.3633-1.3638
Denmark	6.0780-6.0830
France	5.3390-5.3400
Germany	1.5555-1.5560
Hong Kong	7.7287-7.7297
Ireland	1.5389-1.5398
Italy	1590.25-1591.25
Japan	98.53-98.58
Malaysia	2.5638-2.5648
Netherlands	1.7429-1.7439
Norway	6.8080-6.8100
Portugal	158.57-158.67
Singapore	1.4727-1.4737
Spain	129.32-129.37
Sweden	7.3719-7.3819
Switzerland	1.3095-1.3105

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5640-1.5667
Australia dollar	2.0819-2.0846
Bahrain dinar	0.5875-0.5995
Brazil real*	1.3016-1.3057
Cyprus pound	0.745-0.755
Finland markka	7.387-7.503
Greece drachma	373.5-380.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.1047-12.1140
India rupee	48.92-49.88
Kuwait dinar KD	0.466-0.476
Malaysia ringgit	4.0154-4.0196
Mexico peso	5.37-5.47
New Zealand dollar	2.5257-2.5294
Pakistan rupee	47.73 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.842-6.968
Singapore dollar	2.3073-2.3103
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4725-6.5238
S Africa rand (com)	5.5424-5.5508
U A E dirham	5.7205-5.8445

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	294	Legal & Gn	834
ASDA Gp	7,800	Lloyds Bk	3,500
Abbey Natl	1,200	MEPC	2,800
Alld Dom	1,400	Marks Spr	4,200
Argyll Gp	4,700	NatWst Bk	4,000
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	Nat Power	3,100
AB Foods	378	Nth Wst W	729
BAA	1,800	P & O	1,100
BAT Inds	7,400	Pearson	808
BOC	1,700	PowerGen	756
BP	9,700	Prudential	5,000
BTR	8,800	RMC	533
BT	7,700	RTZ	6,800
Bk of Scot	1,400	Rank Org	2,200
Barclays	6,300	Reckitt Col	1,000
Bass	2,000	Redland	2,300
Blue Circle	3,200	Reed Intl	706
Boots	7,800	Rentokil	497
Bowater	1,000	Reuters	3,400
Brit Aero	2,300	Rolls Royce	4,300
Brit Airwys	7,100	Ryl Ins	4,900
Brit Gas	9,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100
Brit Steel	10,000	Sainsbury	1,500
Burmah Cast	465	Schroders	4
Cable Wire	5,400	Scot & New	786
Cadbury	1,800	Scot Power	1,900
Caradon	2,200	Sears	12,000
Carlton Cms	643	Svrn Trent	566
Cm Union	1,500	Shell Trans	5,900
Courtaulds	1,000	Siebe	1,300
De La Rue	3,700	SmKl Bch	4,400
Eastern Elec	1,300	Smith Nph	1,600
Enterpr Oil	2,500	Sthrn Elec	576
Forte	1,500	Std Chartd	4,800
GKN	1,000	Sun Allnce	2,200
GRE	4,200	TI Gp	900
GUS	1,600	TSB	2,100
Gen Acc	1,600	Tesco	6,000
Gen Elec	6,500	Thames W	2,800
Glaxo	7,100	Thrn EMI	1,100
Granada	2,300	Tomkins	2,800
Grand Met	5,200	Unilever	632
Guinness	3,100	Utd Bisc	517
HSBC	4,900	Vodafone	9,500
Hanson	12,000	Warburg	1,400
ICI	2,000	Wellcome	921
Inchcape	3,300	Whitbread	637
Kingfisher	5,800	Wlims Hld	1,700
Ladbroke	13,000	Wolseley	510
Land Secs	7,500	Zeneca	2,800

WALL STREET

	Nov 16 midday	Nov 15 close
AMP Inc	73½	74
AMR Corp	51¼	51½
AT & T	52½	53
Abbott Labs	32½	32½
Aetna Life	46½	46½
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17½
Air Prod & Chem	46	46½
Albertson's	29½	28½
Alcan Aluminium	24½	25
Alco Standard	57½	56½
Allied Signal	34½	34½
Alum Co of Am	83½	83½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	47½	47½
Amer Brands	33½	34½
Amer Cyanamid	100½	100½
Amer El Power	32	32
Amer Express	31½	31½
Amer Genl Corp	27½	27½
Amer Home Pr	64½	64½
Amer Intl	94	93½
Amer Stores	27½	26½
Ameritech	39½	39½
Amoco	61½	61½
Anheuser-Busch	50½	50½
Apple Computer	41½	41½
Archer Daniels	28½	27½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	41½	41½
Asarco	29½	28½
Ashland Oil	37½	37½
Atl Richfield	103½	103½
Auto Data Pro	57½	57½
Avery Dennison	33½	33½
Avon Products	62½	62½
Baker Hughes	19½	19½
Baltim Gas & El	21½	21½
Banc One	26½	26½
BankAmerica	41½	42½
Bank of NY	30½	30½
Bankers Tr NY	59½	60½
Barnett Banks	40½	40½
Bausch & Lomb	34½	34½
Baxter Intl	27½	27½
Becton Dicknsn	47	47½
Bell Atlantic	50	50½
BellSouth	51½	52
Black & Decker	24½	25
Block (H&R)	41½	41½
Boeing	44½	43½
Boise Cascade	24½	24½
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	59½	59½
Browning Ferris	28½	28½
Brunswick	19½	19½
Burlington Nthn	48½	48½
CBS	56½	56½
CNA Financial	65	64½
CPC Intl	53½	53½
CSX	68½	68½
Campbell Soup	43½	43½
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	83½	82½
Carolina Pwr	25½	25½
Caterpillar	56	56½
Central & SW	20½	20½
Champion Intl	36	36½
Chase Manhat	36½	36½
Chemical Bk	36½	36½
Chevron Corp	42½	42½
Chrysler	50½	50
Chubb Corp	70½	71
Cigna Corp	68½	68½
Citicorp	45½	45½
Clorox	56½	56½
Coastal Corp	27½	27½
Coca Cola	51½	51½
Colgate-Palmolive	61½	61½
Columbia Gas	25½	25½
Compaq Comp	40	40
Comp Ass Inc	47½	47½
Conagra	30½	30½
Cons Edison	24½	24½
Cons Nat Gas	36½	35½
Cons Rail	52½	52½
Cooper Inds	36½	36½
Corning Inc	31½	32½
Crown Cork	39½	39½
Dana Corp	21½	22½
Dayton Hudson	80½	80½
Deere	65½	65½
Delta Air Lines	51½	51½
Deluxe Corp	28½	28½
Detroit Edison	26	25½
Digital Equip	33½	33½
Dillard Dept St	28½	29½
Disney (Walt)	43	43½
Dominion Res	35½	35½
Donnelley (RR)	29½	29½
Dover Corp	53½	54½
Dow Chemical	67½	66½
Dow Jones	29	30
Dresser	21½	21½
Duke Power	39	39½
Dun & Bradstreet	55½	55½
Du Pont	55	55
Eastman Kodak	48	47½
Eaton Corp	51½	51½
Emerson Elec	62½	62½
Engelhard Corp	22½	22½

	Nov 16 midday	Nov 15 close
Enron Corp	30½	31½
Entergy	22½	22½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	60½	59½
FMC Corp	59½	59½
FPL Group	33	33½
Federal Express	59½	59½
Fed Nat Mtge	72½	73½
First Chicago	48½	48½
First Interstate	76½	76½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	45½	45½
Ford Motor	29	28½
GTE Corp	30½	31½
Gannett	48½	48½
Gap Inc Del	37½	37½
Gen Dynamics	41½	41½
Gen Electric	49	48½
Gen Mills	56½	57
Gen Motors	39½	38½
Gen Reinsurance	116½	115½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	35½	35½
Georgia Pac	71½	71½
Gillette	72½	72½
Glaxo ADR	19½	19½
Goodrich (BF)	45	44½
Goodyear Tire	35	35½
Grace (W&R)	40½	39½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23½	23½
Great Wstn Fin	16½	17½
Halliburton	34½	35½
Harcourt General	35½	35½
Heinz (HJ)	37½	37½
Hercules	117½	116½
Hershey Foods	46½	46½
Hewlett Packard	99	98½
Hilton Hotels	57½	58
Home Depot	47½	47½
Homestake Mng	18½	18½
Honeywell	30½	30½
Household Intl	36½	36½
Houston Inds	32½	33
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	85½	85½
Illinois Tool	42½	42½
Illinova	19½	19½
INCO	28	28½
Ingersoll Rand	34½	34½
Inland Steel	33	32½
Intel Corp	61	61½
IBM	72½	73½
Intl Flav & Fr	45½	44½
Intl Paper	71	71½
James River Va	22	22½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54	54½
Kellogg	59	58½
Kerr-McGee	47½	47½
Kimberly-Clark	50	50
Kmart	15½	15
Knight-Ridder	49½	49½
Lilly (Eli)	63½	63½
Limited Inc	20½	20½
LIN Brdcstng	139½	139½
Lincoln Nat	37½	37½
Litton	35½	34½
Liz Claiborne	22	22
Lockheed	72	72½
Louisiana Pac	27½	27½
MCI Comm	21½	21½
Marriott Int	28½	28½
Marsh & McLnn	75½	75½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	37½	38½
Maytag Corp	15½	15½
McDonalds	29½	29½
McDonnell D	142½	139½
McGraw Hill	71½	72½
Mead Corp	47½	48
Medtronic	50½	51½
Mellon Bk	34½	35
Melville Corp	34	34
Merck Inc	36½	36½
Merrill Lynch	39½	40
Minnesota Mine	52½	52½
Mobil Corp	84½	85½
Monsanto	73½	73½
Morgan (JP)	59½	60½
Motorola Inc	60½	59½
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	18½	18½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Int	13½	13½
NBD Bancorp	28½	28½
NY Times A	24½	24½
Newmont Mng	40	39½
Niag Mohawk	13½	13½
Nike B	60½	62½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	48	48½
Norfolk Sthrn	61½	61½
Nthn State Pwr	44½	44
Norwest Corp	22½	23
Nynex Corp	38½	38½
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	18½	18½
Oracle Systems	44	44½
Oryx Energy Co	13	13½

	Nov 16 midday	Nov 15 close
Owens Corning	29½	29½
PNC Financial	21½	22
PPG Industries	37½	37½
Paccar Inc	43½	43½
Pacificorp	17½	17½
Pac Enterprises	20½	20
Pac Gas & Elec	22	22½
Pac Telesis	28½	29
Pall Corp	18½	18½
Panhandle East	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	45½	45½
Pennzoil	48½	48½
Peco Energy	24	23½
Penney (JC)	48	47½
Pepsico	36½	36½
Pfizer	76½	76
Phelps Dodge	58½	58½
Philip Morris	63	63½
Phillips Pet	34½	34½
Pitney Bowes	33½	33½
Polaroid	32½	32
PriceCostco	15½	15½
Procter & Gmbl	62½	62½
Providian	31½	31
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	66½	67½
Ralston Purina	42½	41½
Raychem Corp	35½	35½
Raytheon	65½	65½
Reebok Intl	39½	39½
Reynolds Metals	49½	50½
Roadway Srvcs	53	53½
Rockwell Intl	35½	35½
Rohm & Haas	56½	56½
Royal Dutch	109½	108½
Rubbermaid	27½	27½
Safeco Corp	49½	48½
St Paul's Cos	42	41½
Salomon Inc	37½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	16½	14½
Sara Lee Corp	24½	25
Scecorp	13½	13½
Schering Plough	74½	73½
Schlumberger	55½	56
Scott Paper	67½	66½
Seagram	28½	28½
Sears Roebuck	50½	50½
Shell Trans	67	66½
Sherwin Wllms	32	31½
Skyline Corp	19	19½
Snap-On-Tools	32½	32
Southern Co	19½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	42½	42
Sprint Corp	32	31½
Stanley Works	38½	38½
Sun Company	30½	30½
Sun Microsys	33½	33½
Suntrust	49	49½
Supervalu	24½	24½
Sysco Corp	26½	27
TRW Inc	68½	69½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17½	17½
Tandy Corp	43½	43
Teledyne	17½	17½
Temple Inland	47½	47½
Tenneco	41½	41½
Texaco	61½	61½
Texas Inst	77½	78½
Texas Utilities	31½	31½
Textron	50½	50½
Time Warner	35	35½
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	33½	33½
Torchmark	35½	36
Toys R Us	37½	38½
Transamerica	50½	50½
Travelers	32½	32½
Tribune	52½	52
Tyco Labs	46½	46½
UST Inc	27½	27½
UAL	94½	95
USX Marathon	18½	18½
Unicom	22½	23
Unilever NV	114½	114½
Union Camp	45½	46½
Union Carbide	30½	31½
Union Pacific	46½	46½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAIR Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	14½	14½
US Life	32½	32½
US West	36½	36½
United Tech	59	58½
Unocal Corp	27½	27½
Upjohn	33½	33
VF Corp	51	51
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	77½	77½
Wells Fargo	145	146½
Westinghouse El	13½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	38½	38½
Whirlpool	53½	53
Whitman	16½	15½
Winn Dixie	53½	52½
Woolworth	14½	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45½	45½
Xerox	101½	101½
Yellow Corp	19½	19½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hill Samuel goes local

IN the days before merchant bank Hill Samuel pulled up sticks and quit South Africa in 1986, it was in the habit of sending out from "home" very pukka Englishmen to head its South African operations — Freddie Lieshman, Christopher Castleman, Tony Blair (no relation), to name but three. Now, in going back into the "new" South Africa by opening a representative office in Johannesburg, Hill Samuel has gone local. Its 1994 managing director is Werner Stals, 33. Stals says the re-emerged HS will transact much of the same lines of corporate business as before, including project financing, treasury, money market, and interest rate operations. The bank's new man could hardly be better connected. Daddy is Chris Stals — Governor of the South African Reserve Bank.

Taking cover

LEGAL & General's umbrella certainly has it uses. During a presentation to advisers in a glass-roofed auditorium at a hotel at Heathrow, during which management was espousing the virtues of L&G's new investment trust, a (banned) mobile phone rang in the audience. The signal set off the hotel's fire alarm. The glass roof was triggered open. It was raining cats and dogs. And L&G's team was in danger of being soaked. So, it was up with those house umbrellas.



Open again

BRITISH finance specialists who enjoy visiting their colleagues on Wall Street should know that the much-loved Vista hotel is open again after a 20-month refurbishment. Unlike most hotels, which have only to re-wallpaper the lobby to claim they've renovated, the Vista revamp team faced a genuine obstacle — much of the hotel was destroyed in the bombing of the World Trade Centre. Or, as management put it at the time, "the crazy, towel-head bastards have blown the goddam place up". It has cost $60 million to put the 820-room hotel, spread over 18 floors, back together again.

Note of concern

HOW many times has your bank apologised and admitted embarrassment? JP Morgan, one of the great banking names, has just mailed clients the first issue of its new monthly publication, aptly titled *RiskMetrics Monitor*. However, managing director Till M. Guldimann has had to rush for the next post with a letter saying there was an error during mailing and that some clients in Europe have received both a letter from him and a copy of a memorandum intended for distribution to Morgan officers. The memo and letter contained substantially the same information, but "we are embarrassed by this breakdown in the normally smooth function of our distribution system," he adds. Alice ... pass the shredder.

COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW ANATOLE KALETSKY



The end is nigh for the age of mass unemployment

As governments realise the battle of inflation is won, they will turn their focus on to growth

Inflation really is dead. Early last year, many people doubted this, when I wrote two articles in this column giving the reasons why the high inflation of the 1970s and early 1980s was a one-off historical aberration which would not be seen again in Britain or any other major industrialised country for another generation. By now, though, the view that inflation has been defeated is almost universally accepted, at least outside the American and European bond markets. After yesterday's excellent inflation figures in Britain and Tuesday's well-judged decision to tighten monetary policy a little further to control the American boom, the remaining inflation sceptics in both countries must be feeling thoroughly perplexed. Anyone who is still unconvinced that the world is experiencing lasting disinflation, despite both the facts and the manifest prospects, might do well to read the report on "The End of the Inflationary Era" from HSBC Markets, discussed on this page yesterday by Anthony Harris.

For my part, I would like to switch to an even more contentious and important issue. Is it possible that we will soon see the end not only of the inflationary era, but also of the era of mass unemployment? To the present conventional wisdom even to ask such a question is to betray utter ignorance.

From their own experience, businessmen and politicians know that mass unemployment is here to stay. To suggest that the world will ever again see full employment is a simply quixotic notion.

I use the adjective advisedly, having just returned from a weekend in Seville to attend a fascinating conference, the British-Spanish *Tertulias*, which brought together some 30 politicians, civil servants, businessmen and media personalities from each country. Spain at the moment suffers the unhappy distinction of having by far the highest unemployment in Europe, with no less than 23 per cent of its labour force officially registered as unemployed. Needless to say, the prospects of jobless recovery and never-ending unemployment figured prominently in the conference discussions. What surprised me, however, was how little attention was devoted to Spain's uniquely dismal jobs record and its specific causes, which have been widely identified — above all, the introduction of very generous and loosely-administered unemployment benefits in the mid-1980s, which completely removed the incentive to work (officially, at least) in a large number of low-paid jobs.

In fact, the alarm about long-term unemployment and the creation of a permanently alienated, anti-social underclass seemed, if anything, to be greater among the British than the Spanish delegation. To a certain extent this doubtless reflected the fact that Spain's unemployment rate is greatly exaggerated, as it is in Italy, France and many other European countries, greatly exaggerated by the presence of a large black economy.

But there seemed to be another, more important reason for the greater alarm in Britain about the long-term prospects for unemployment. In Spain, as in much of the rest of Europe, the deregulatory measures that are now widely recognised as necessary to reduce unemployment are only just beginning to be attempted. Plenty of scope thus exists for the advocates of flexible labour markets to expect improvements in the years ahead. And to the extent that unemployment remains well above the level in America and other deregulated countries, it is possible to argue that this is a consequence of deliberate social choices — a price worth paying for a more generous welfare safety net, better social solidarity and lower levels of crime.

In Britain, by contrast, there is a sense even among Conservative businessmen and politicians, that deregulation and labour market flexibility have gone about as far as could be expected. If unemployment persists, it must therefore be due to irremediable structural causes — rapidly changing technology, or poor training or the irresistible pressure for ever-lower wages created by trade with the Third World.

Such structural explanations of permanent and ineradicable unemployment are now widely accepted. Yet, in my view, they are likely to prove wrong. There are many reasons for optimism which I hope to discuss in more detail in this column in the months ahead. For the moment, let me summarise just two.

First, there is straightforward statistical experience. Obviously unemployment is now falling in America and Britain. But most people dismiss this as a purely cyclical phenomenon — the worldwide economic recovery will merely create a temporary downward blip in the long-term trend of unemployment which continues to point inexorably upwards, they insist. What matters, the sceptics argue, is not the year-to-year fluctuations, but the way that in each business cycle the peaks and troughs of unemployment are both higher than in the cycle before. This view, often expressed by businessmen and politicians, is very similar to the argument, heard in the bond markets until last year, that long-term inflation is still inexorably rising.

> "Structural explanations of ineradicable unemployment are widely accepted"

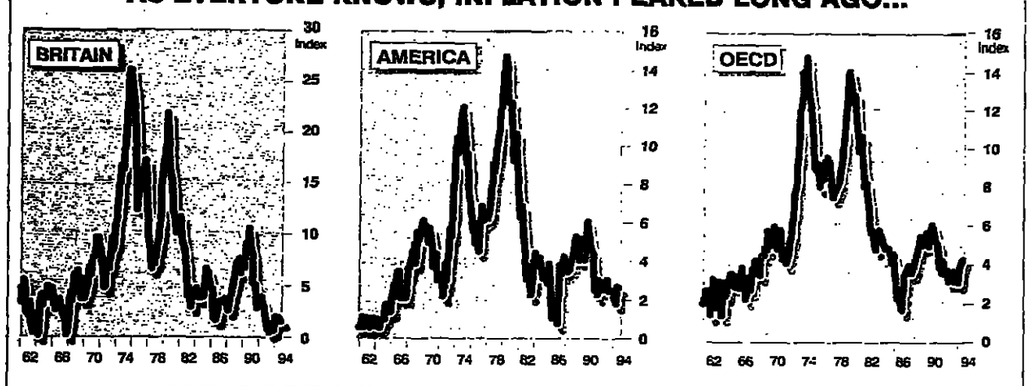
Fortunately, the facts simply do not bear it out. Just as the long term trend of inflation has actually been declining since the mid-1970s, so the long-term trend in unemployment in most industrialised countries has actually been falling, not rising, since around 1982. Both Britain and America have had much lower peak unemployment rates in the latest recession than in the one of the early 1980s, and the same has been true of the OECD as a whole. There are, of course, exceptions to the general rule that unemployment in the latest recession has been *less* severe than in the previous recession, but most are in Europe and can readily be explained by two temporary phenomena. These are the excessive increase in social benefits in countries such as Spain, and the deflationary monetary policies caused by the misguided efforts to peg currencies to the German mark.

This brings me to my second reason for optimism about the long-term prospects for unemployment. As the misguided monetary deflation of the late 1980s is reversed, a fundamental flaw may be revealed in the main "structural" explanation of unemployment — that electronic technology has simply destroyed millions of previously secure jobs, especially in the service sector. This implies that the productivity of the world economy has increased enormously, since services are much bigger in the aggregate than the manufacturing activities which used to enjoy the lion's share of productivity growth.

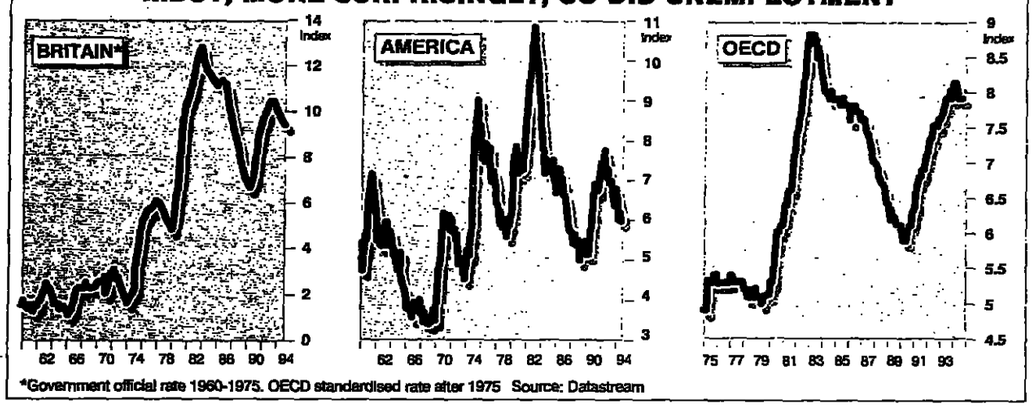
What that means in turn is that there is now the potential for much faster growth of the world economy than there was in the 1970s and 1980s. Although the microchip was developed in the late-1970s, it is normal for 10 to 15 years to elapse before a pathbreaking technological innovation is thoroughly assimilated by industry and begins to generate productivity growth. Unfortunately, however, most business leaders and economists still think they are living in the era of declining productivity growth and low productive potential which began with the energy crisis of 1973. Instead of aiming for faster economic growth, governments and central banks are still preoccupied with slowing down their economies to match what they perceive as their declining potential growth rates. They are, as usual, fighting the last battle — the one that began in the early-1970s against inflation and unjustified economic optimism.

In the years ahead, as inflation fails to accelerate in the way that pessimists are still expecting, governments will gradually realise they have won the last war and will turn their attention to the new challenge. This is to accelerate economic growth and ensure that demand grows in line with the economic potential of the new world of high technolgoy and free trade. Governments which fail to recongise this new world will eventually be forced out by their voters. This golden age of rapid non-inflationary growth may still be a few years in coming, but it does lie somewhere ahead.

AS EVERYONE KNOWS, INFLATION PEAKED LONG AGO...



...BUT, MORE SURPRISINGLY, SO DID UNEMPLOYMENT



*Government official rate 1960-1975. OECD standardised rate after 1975 Source: Datastream

Planning for a happier retirement

Robert Miller expects the Bill to have a tortuous passage through Parliament

The Pensions Bill, trailed in the Queen's Speech yesterday, sets in motion one of the most radical reforms of the industry ever undertaken. On the positive side, there is almost universal agreement from employers, unions and pension scheme members that many of the proposals are long overdue. But despite the acknowledgement that something had to be done to safeguard pension scheme members, particularly after Robert Maxwell was found to have plundered £440 million from company pension schemes within his business empire, the Bill's passage through Parliament is likely to be tortuous.

It is understood that the Bill will be introduced through the House of Lords in mid-December, at the earliest, and will contain about 140 clauses.

The Pensions Bill contains few surprises. The proposals were set out in the White Papers *Equality in State Pension Age*, published in December 1993, and *Security, Equality, Choice: The Future for Pensions*, announced by Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, in June. The aim of the two papers was to address two key, but very separate, issues. The first was to set out the Government's policy of how to meet future state pension payments given that they are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and that ever more retired people are being supported by fewer people in work. The second was to to reassure people in occupational and company pension schemes that not all employers behave like Robert Maxwell. Many of the proposals are based on recommendations made in the Goode Committee report, which was established in the wake of Maxwell's death three years ago.

> "The Bill is thought to contain about 140 clauses"

Among the main proposals of the Bill are moves:

☐ To equalise the state pension age at 65 for men and women by the year 2020.

☐ To give effect in domestic legislation to rulings of the European Court of Justice requiring equal treatment between men and women in occupational pensions.

☐ To simplify the arrangements for contracting out of the state earnings-related pension schemes (Serps) to make it easier for contracted-out pension schemes to provide equal treatment.

☐ To provide limited price indexation of occupational and appropriate personal pensions.

☐ To implement the main recommendations of the Pension Law Review Committee by bringing the management of pension schemes up to the level of best practice. This gives members more influence in the running of their schemes, introduces a minimum solvency requirement, establishes a new pensions regulator and a compensation scheme.

☐ To give greater flexibility to the conversion of pension investments into annuities.

Ron Amy, chairman of the National Asscoiation of Pension Funds, whose members run schemes covering 7 million employees, with a total of about £300 billion of pension fund assets, said yesterday: "We will be working with all concerned to ensure that this Bill provides effective and efficient regulation of occupational pensions. The overriding need is to safeguard the pensions of millions of members of these schemes without imposing unnecessary burdens on their employers." But he added that it was vital for the Bill to strike the right balance on the question of minimum solvency arrangements. He said: "We must protect pension scheme members but there must be enough leeway built in to take account of freak stock market conditions. It is also important to clearly define the role of the trustees in making investment decisions. At the moment, trustees have the responsibility for all investment decisions but we believe they must also have a duty to consider the implications of the costs of their decisions on employers."

Bill Day, secretary of the Campaign for Pension Fund Democracy, called the Bill "a confidence trick". He said: "Only members of schemes are fully committed to safeguarding pension funds but they will be denied the right to elect the majority of pension fund trustees that would allow them to do that."

BUSINESS LETTERS

The insensitivity of senior industrial management

From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, It is an astonishing manifestation of the arrogance which seems now to pervade top industrial management that Lord Young and his two chief executives of C&W are willing to be pictured (November 10) — almost caricatured — as people who are extremely pleased with themselves, having announced 10 per cent of their workers are to be sacked.

Why is it that Lord Young and comparable chairmen are apparently so insensitive to the image they project?

What would have been far more seemly, and also far more advantageous to the public's perception of industry, would have been a photograph of a sympathetic chairman regretting the necessity of dispensing with so many of his workers and at the same time saying that he himself was taking a 10 per cent cut in his own personal remuneration.

With my own career background as an academic, I would warn such chairmen that our best young people are revolting against the attitudes that they represent.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES
Milnthorpe, Winchester.

Vosper is the leader in warship exports

From the Managing Director, Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Ltd

Sir, I am writing to correct a statement in the article by Melvyn Marckus (Business News, November 12) where he says: "The prospect of GEC, owner of the Yarrow yard also capturing Barrow (VSEL)... would eliminate competition between the only two UK shipyards capable of manufacturing and exporting major warships."

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5. In addition to preparing to bid for Type 23 frigates for the Royal Navy, we are the only UK yard bidding to supply highly sophisticated multipurpose frigates for the United Arab Emirates.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN JAY,
Managing Director,
Vosper Thornycroft Ltd
Victoria Road,
Woolston,
Southampton.

Cradle to grave health cover

From Sir John Nicholls

Sir, Now that hospitals are emphasising day-surgery in order to speed up the flow of patients, isn't it time the insurance industry kept pace by designing fresh health cover to incorporate home nursing in the same policy.

In fact they could go even further and consider a much wider policy that would embrace all health contingencies up to the final one. In a simple form such a policy would cover health care (doctors and nurses) at home, sickness care (in hospital) and finally if there was anything left in the kitty, a benefit for survivors.

In exceptional circumstances the final sum could be large, in others it could be very little, in some, nothing. The policy holder could decide how best to make use of it.

Yours faithfully,
Sir John Nicholls,
Dove Barn,
Ormesby,
Norfolk.

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2. in minutes,
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Art. 6
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BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
533	380½	Abbey Nat	424	-2	4.6	14.3
314	233	Allied Irish	251	-3	5.0	9.6
278½	171	Aus New Z	171	-1	5.4	26.5
3300	2587½	Bank America	2675	-12½	..	..
247	172½	Bank Scotland	218	+1½	3.0	12.3
640	487	Barclays	616	-4	3.4	19.0
319	236	Bk of Ireland	290	+7	5.0	8.3
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2912½	-25	..	..
285½	203	Close Bros	229	..	4.1	..
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£150	-240½	6.3	..
1296½	1066½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1108½	+6½	0.5	..
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£306½	-44½	2.2	..
1315½	787½	Espirito Santo	859½	-9½	4.4	4.3
90	60	First Nat Fin	66	..	2.8	..
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank	1300½	-12	0.3	..
473	209	Hambros	236	+13	8.1	9.4
1113	660	HSBC	762	-12	4.0	11.0
1133	680	HSBC Hl	764	-10	4.0	11.1
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	..	5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	484	+9	5.0	8.5
660	519	Lloyds	583	+1	4.9	11.6
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	511	+5	5.5	10.7
622	421	Nat West	531	+4	4.6	9.9
3300	2125	Ottoman Bank	2125	..	6.8	..
79	53	Rea Bros	61	..	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	449	+1	5.3	20.3
1574	1050	Schroders	1410	-12	1.6	12.9
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1286	-12	1.8	11.8
114	75	Singer & Fried	83	-1	3.7	10.7
359½	222	Stand Chart	301	-4	2.6	10.3
291	197	TSB	250½	-½	3.3	11.6
1012	569	Warburg SG	671	+24	4.1	12.3
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9292½	+69½	2.9	..
260	194	Westpac	199½	-1½	5.7	..
330	210	Wintrust	218	..	5.9	14.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2			
619	485	Bass	541	..	4.8	14.1
399	248	Boddington	255	+1	4.1	13.7
196	163	Burtonwood Brwt	180	..	3.5	15.0
181	142	Eldridge P 4	165	..	2.8	22.9
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	54	..	5.3	..
493	375	Fuller Sm 'A'	377	..	2.6	15.6
511	399	Greenalls Grp	415	..	5.8	15.9
584	451	Greene King	543	-2	3.0	15.1
265	239	Hardy Hansn	257	..	4.3	13.1
170	135	Heavitree	150	..	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Hall J	3448	..	1.8	19.0
346	195	Mansfield	215	-2	2.6	13.3
314	256	Marston Thmp	301	-2	3.5	15.6
545	462	Morland	498	-7	3.5	16.7
16½	6½	Paramount	7½	..	3.3	..
276	209	Regent Invst	276	-7	3.3	..
1665½	1000	SA Breweries	1525	..	1.9	23.6
591	477	Scot & New	511	-2	4.3	15.2
306	229	Vaux Group	241	..	5.0	15.5
439	324½	Wetherspoon JD	435	..	1.9	23.9
617	494	Whitbread	554	-1	4.2	16.1
589	493	Wolverhamtn D	536	-2	3.0	15.0
188	148	Yates Bros	188	..	2.0	23.1
535	483	Young A	483	-12	3.5	18.3

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	140	..	4.7	10.2
200	148	Allen	163	..	4.0	19.3
164	92½	Amec	94	-1	4.0	54.2
95	47	Andrews Sykes	90	+2		
462	333	Aestead	439	-6	1.6	27.8
191	110	Avonside	112	..	4.9	13.1
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	..	2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	27	..	5.9	4.4
292	160½	Barratt Devs	179	+4	3.2	..
169	122½	Beazer Homes	140	+2	2.8	11.0
304	179	Bellway	206	+3	4.3	..
59	31	Belhaven	31	-1	..	27.3
573	377	Berkeley Gp	382	-1	2.3	15.9
215	119	Bett Bros	179	-4	3.2	..
355	230	Bovis (Henry)	230	-1	3.6	11.3
84	35	Brandon Hire	76	..	2.5	..
235	170	Br Bldg & Eng	170	..	6.1	10.3
197½	130	Bryant	144	+2	4.2	16.2
145½	111½	CALA	115	..	3.0	15.9
51	31	Campbell & Arm	39			
62	44	Clarke T	49	..	3.2	41.6
42	20½	Costain	23	+½		
185	123	Countryside	123	..	4.2	27.3
120	82	Crest Nicholson	86	..	2.3	16.0
140	100	Cussins	102	..	4.1	12.4
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21	..	3.8	..
473	323	Eve Group	325	..	4.2	13.3
60	25	Galliford	25	..	5.0	..
112	67	Gibbs & Dandy	89	..	3.8	..
1028	623	Gleeson (MJ)	828	..	2.1	..
95	71	Green (Ernest)	82	-1	9.1	25.3
191	121	Havelock Europ	175	-1	2.1	16.0
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	148	..	2.5	17.1
144	86	Higgs & Hill	97	..	3.2	..
32	20	Howard Hldgs	22	..	4.5	20.5
35	6	Jarvis	11½			
138	104	Keller	111	+1	4.2	12.9
428	204	Laing (J)	238	..	4.7	21.5
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	99	..	8.1	..
145	115	Lon Clydeside	127	..	4.7	17.6
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	73			
253	196	Maunders (J)	216	..	3.2	..
321	186	McAlpine (Alf)	190	..	4.3	27.9
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	..	1.1	..
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	103	..	2.4	..
373½	205	Persimmon	222	-3	5.2	16.6
2000	1450	Poclains	2000	..	3.0	20.0
198	128	Prowting	129	+1	3.5	19.6
116	51	Raine Ind	51	..	7.4	10.6
67	50	Swill-Rye	62	..	1.5	29.3
367	233	Sherrill Hldgs	364	..	1.5	24.2
112	62½	Sharco	111	..	4.1	15.6
346	196	Smart (J)	320	+3	4.8	..
280	155½	Spandler	235	+5	1.3	18.9
257	151	Tay Homes	173	..	4.7	12.7
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	129	..	1.7	31.5
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	565	..	7.3	43.3
80	36	Tomkins Hire	56	..	2.0	29.2
40½	22	Try Group	22	..	2.8	..
125	90	Vibroplant	125	..	3.6	33.0
170	121	Wardgames	124½	..	4.2	13.4
74	48	Ward Hldgs	57	..	1.1	..
225½	148	Westbury	149	..	4.5	13.6
7½	3½	Wiggins	6½			
259	171	Wilson (C)	173	+1	2.9	14.9
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	348	..	3.4	15.5
249	132	Wimpey G	138	..	4.8	20.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Allbrighton	14	..	4.5	13.4
341	283	Alumasc	340	+1	2.2	..
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	51	..	2.5	27.9
383	274	BPB Ind	310	+6	3.3	20.9
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	120	..	3.3	22.7
60	35½	Bardon	37	-½	6.8	..
244	125	Benstead Ind	213			
93	60	Blockleys	63	..	1.8	..
391	262	Blue Circle	308	+4	4.6	21.9
117	77	Breedon PLC	90	..	6.4	25.8
154	138	Br Dredging	130	..	5.4	15.6
409	321	CRH	358	+2	2.7	18.2
70	31	Cakebread Rbs	41			
278	235	Cape	235	..	5.9	14.9
455	254	Caradon	293	+15	3.8	19.4
215½	128	Caradon pfd	137	+6	6.6	..
62	46	Chelsea Gp	54	..	8.1	10.8
131	83	Dyson (JJ)	99	..	4.4	14.9
97	71	Dyson A	71	-1	6.2	10.7
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	..	2.8	..
359	273	Erith	315	..	3.1	18.7
82	57	Ennor	60	..	2.9	33.8
218	160	Graham Grp	179	-4	3.2	17.1
399	337	Halstead (J)	356	-2	2.6	16.4
511	384	Hepworth	329	+10	5.6	18.7
82	46	Hewden	80	-1	2.0	..
205	85	Hewitt (J)	98	..	2.2	..
473	285	Heywood Wlm	308	-3	5.5	17.4
100	67	Ibstock	75	..	1.7	..
294	149	Johnston	272	..	2.1	32.7
176	145	Lilleshall	152	..	3.9	15.9
213½	129	Marley	150	+2	3.5	17.8
155	126	Marshalls	146	..	3.9	12.9
569	359	Meyer Int	403	-2	3.3	17.0
196	146	Newman Tnks	167	+1	4.8	21.1
212½	119	Nocross	126	-6	6.9	22.6
20	9	Phoenix Timber	12			
209	162	Pilkington	186	..	2.1	..
185	126	Polypipe	135	+1	2.1	15.5
1079	805	RMC Grp	1011	-10	2.6	20.9
40	18	Ramus	19			
640	448	Redland	475	-5	6.6	22.0
106	70	Rockell	96	..	5.6	..
185½	114	Rugby Group	122	..	3.5	15.4
103	62	Ruberoid	89	..	3.2	18.3
21	16	SHP	16½	..	1.5	23.9
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175	..	3.1	12.8
263	222	Sheffield Insl	258	+7	2.7	20.7
81½	42½	Spring Ram	45	+½	1.4	..
206	121	Tarmac	131	..	5.2	..
220	160	Titan	160	..	3.4	13.6
370	274	Travis Perkins	300	..	3.5	18.5
28	21	Tudor	24	..	1.3	..
54	33	Unigroup	37			
63	33	Wainhouse	51			
129	87½	Wickes	89	-2	1.8	20.0
65	39½	Wishaw	64½	..	1.3	21.7
975	705	Wolseley	790	+19	2.6	15.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2½			
110	73	App Holo	98			
165	107	Atwoods	119	-1	5.3	
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½			
49	30	Black Arrow	43	..	7.6	10.5
124	70	Br Bloodstock	79	..	..	70.9
13	5½	Card Gp	6	..	..	16.7
10½	4½	Chemex	7½			
157	109	Cosalt	135	..	5.6	..
227	188	Filofax	219	+9	1.6	21.7
50	28	Headway	39	..	2.2	30.3
292	234	Hazlewood	247	..	3.0	17.6
248	180	Leigh	181	..	5.4	16.6
374	214	Nobo Gp	228	..	3.3	14.6
310	207	Photo-Me	243	-3	2.5	35.3
60	38	Plant & Gen	57	..	3.3	..
185	82	Plantbrook	173	..	2.5	20.4
12½	5½	Perth Group	7½			
51½	5½	Redame	13			
120	79	Shanks & McEwan	92	..	4.3	..
244	174	Sinclair (Wm)	186	+5	4.8	14.5
700	483	Stock Mgt Int	521	+7	..	19.[illegible]

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	129	..	3.3	20.7
780	705	Amber Ind	780	..	3.2	16.2
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£130½	-128½	7.2	..
767	627	BOC	727	+7	4.3	27.0
373	284	BTP	289	-4	4.3	18.3
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£142½	-171½	6.3	..
131	98	Brent Chemcl	107	-1½	4.7	..
309	219	Br Vita	228	+3	4.1	17.0
25	18	Cambridge Iso	19			
199	153	Canning (W)	182	..	5.0	30.2
590	429	Courtaulds	464	-2	4.0	37.4
389	327	Croda	351	-1	3.0	15.1
143	95	Deeleys	134	..	4.3	13.5
68½	35½	Euro Colour	64½	-½	2.7	19.5
149	132	Gibbon C	138	..	5.0	12.9
223	147	Holcomb	148	..	6.8	13.3
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£135½	+128½	5.5	..
260	157½	Holliday Chem	223	+1	2.5	16.2
868	776	ICI	767	-2½	4.4	62.6
191½	140	Kalon	144½	..	3.8	12.7
943	692	Laporte	726	-1	3.7	19.4
95	48	MTM	66			
405	302	Manders	304	..	4.1	14.8
137	100	McLeod Russel	107	..	7.1	16.7
139	72	Merteled	73	..	6.0	..
679½	358½	Montedison	504½	-6½	4.0	22.9
345	265	Porvair	282	..	1.9	22.4
272	186	Scapa	206½	-3	3.6	17.5
66	31	Scitrus Speak	32	-1	2.0	19.0
957½	656	Takeda Chem	769½	+4½	0.8	14.2
490	352	Wardle Storeys	352	-11	6.3	..
220	192	Wellington Hldg	192	-1	3.4	18.6
823	570	Wolstenholme R	783	..	3.0	16.3
403	380	Yorks Chem	382	-1	2.7	16.5
336	258	Yule Catto	288	..	2.8	21.9

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	106	ABI Leis	106	..	4.6	14.9
296	248	Acal	291	..	2.8	18.2
570	253	Adam & Harvey	568	..	3.5	7.7
31	22	Alexanders	22	..	2.8	20.4
175	117	Appleyard	118	..	6.1	20.8
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	..	1.4	58.8
578	495	BSG Group	523	..	4.2	21.8
29½	17	Brammer Power	24	+1	3.9	15.2
405	249	Bleacher Mr	250	+1	5.2	10.3
40	28	Bogod A	28	..	3.1	..
28½	17	Boustead	25	..	4.1	..
370	288	Brammer	340	..	4.8	18.9
31	15½	Bridgend Grp	16	..	7.6	..
99	78	Brit Fittings	85	..	3.3	..
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	+2		
57	35	Bunzl	38	+2	6.6	11.1
466	245	Caffyns	248	..	5.8	16.7
59	24½	Casket Plc	27	+2½	5.2	9.8
130	93	Central Mtr	93	-2	4.7	23.0
51	32½	Cook (DC)	35	..	3.6	10.7
348	201	Cowie	233	..	4.4	11.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	140	..	5.8	16.1
663	446	Dawsons El	597	..	1.4	16.7
628	427	Diploma	429	-1	3.6	17.2
589	443	Electrocomps	472	..	2.7	20.4
175	133	Electron House	157	-1	2.5	16.2
283	225	Ellis & Everard	256	+3	3.7	18.9
234	201	Eurodollar	209	+1	5.1	16.3
173	106	European Mtr	120	..	4.4	12.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	404	..	4.4	12.7
866	490½	Farnell Elect	530	+17	1.9	21.8
78	50	Fde Indmnr	60	..	5.2	8.8
34	18	Gardiner	18	..	5.2	8.6
46	21½	Glenchewton	32	..	..	24.3
90	60	Gowrings	73	..	3.4	22.2
76	59	Halkes Hldgs	69	..	..	53.9
342½	266½	Heys	274	..	3.4	14.7
191	88	Holders Tech	95	..	2.9	10.3
138	110	ISA Intl	113	..	1.9	14.1
609	395	Inchcape	442	+11	4.2	14.7
60	39	Jacks (Wm)	58	..	..	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	152	..	3.3	17.4
573	332	Lex Service	349	-1	3.8	13.4
282	182	Lookers	193	..	4.5	12.0
20	20	Malaya Grp	20	..	1.6	..
6½	3½	Meddasex	6½	+½		
440	279	Norbain	432	+4	0.7	20.7
100	47	Northamber	92	..	1.1	39.1
175	153	PCT	155	..	6.0	15.0
310	232	Pendragon	262	..	3.6	17.2
220	165	Perry Grp	165	..	5.3	9.0
218	136	Quicks Group	136	..	4.8	14.3
163	97	REA	162	..	4.6	33.5
5½	2½	Reece	2½			
24	7½	Ross Gp	9	..	2.8	..
42	32½	SEP Intl	34	..	3.3	16.0
44	31	TLS Range	36	..	3.5	14.5
265	215	Time Products	238	..	4.7	15.8
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158	..	3.6	14.9
335	248	Wholesale Frgs	248	..	5.9	..
30½	15	Wills Gp	15½	-½	4.0	8.8
69	40	Wyko	56	..	1.1	..
96	68	Young (H)	68	..	6.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	161	+1	5.8	16.4
380	191½	Antofagasta	348	+3	1.3	28.1
61	48	Armour	49½	..	4.5	..
968	773½	Broken Hill	909	+5	2.3	36.4
401	299	BTR	314	+3	5.0	16.6
570	372	BAT	466½	+8½	5.5	12.2
91	49	Babby (J)	73	..	5.3	..
57½	44	Bradley	48½	+½	8.8	..
39	10½	Cannon St	13	+½	..	5.0
836	636½	Charter	760	-1	3.7	21.6
285	226½	Cookson	248	-1	3.3	22.4
303	217½	Hanson	232½	+½	6.5	30.6
220	152	Harrison Crsfld	168	-1	6.7	19.1
366½	240	Hatch Whamp	292½	+3½	1.9	20.9
710	489½	Jardine Math	519½	+2½	2.8	11.8
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	..	4.2	29.3
175½	124½	Lonrho	162½	-3	3.1	14.6
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	38	-1		
705	522	Powell Duffryn	541	+6	5.5	15.4
164	118½	Ropner	132	+4	7.1	15.0
480	337	Robinsons	435	+3	3.8	23.2
196	137	Sime Darby	171	+1	3.2	17.8
267	190	Staveley	191	..	5.6	55.2
220	161	Suter	187	..	7.0	16.1
268	220	IT Group	245	-1	2.2	..
283	202	Tomkins	224	-1	4.1	14.4
124	74½	Trafalgar H	83½	+½	1.5	..
430	245	Unitate	295	..	3.6	15.2
324	246½	Wassall	288	+½	1.6	24.7
13½	9½	Whitney	10			
414½	322	Williams Hldg	355	+5	3.6	21.9

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	693	+8	4.1	54.7
886	566	Eastern Grp	810	+4	3.5	17.7
733	534	London Elec	732	+7	3.8	11.2
871	635	Manweb	819	+3	3.7	9.8
840	547	Midlands Elec	794	+9	3.7	12.2
520	404½	National Power	504	+3	3.1	12.5
858	589	Northern Elec	819	+3	3.8	10.3
421	329	Nthn Ireland	376	..	3.8	10.2
850	581	Norweb	815	..	3.5	10.7
602	449	PowerGen	561	+2	3.1	12.0
477	307	Hydro-Elect	326	+3	4.8	10.3
486	325	Scottish Power	360	+3	4.5	11.2
453	298	Seeboard	434	+1	3.4	11.5
840	591	Sth Wales	815	+4	3.9	11.0
824	551	Sth Western	795	+9	3.7	10.5
837	540	Southern Elec	821	-1	3.5	12.8
796	532	Yorkshire Elec	747	+3	3.9	14.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	97			
198	163	Alba	182	..	3.4	15.0
50	25½	Amstrad	29	..	2.2	..
39	24	Arlen	33	+1		
94½	78	Aslec	84	..	1.3	17.2
281	118	Azlan	134	..	2.8	10.8
478	326	BICC	352	-3	6.8	22.2
283	239	Bowles	266	..	4.6	..
16	7	Berkeley Bus				
535	402	Blick	413	+7	3.1	16.6
380	289	Bowthorpe	302	+1	2.9	17.4
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	..	1.8	10.2
283	263	CML Micro	271	..	2.8	17.3
35½	24	Chloride	24½	..	..	67.9
117	81	Copymore	113	..	4.8	..
202	154	Cray Elect	183	..	1.7	19.0
467	412	Cricklwy	444	..	2.3	18.9
388	369	Dania Bc Sys	335	+8	0.6	28.5
586	430	Delta	462	+1	4.0	19.8
560	400	Domino	530	+5	2.0	22.4
78	63	Dowding Mills	68	..	4.7	24.8
1635	1220	Druck	1460	..	0.9	27.2
3756½	2900	Electrolux 'B'	3428½	+25	1.6	57.6
38½	21	Emess	31½	..	0.4	..
4028½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3981½	+65½	1.0	34.1
86	56	Eurocopy	64	..	3.5	18.9
451	343	Eurotherm	357	..	1.6	23.5
402	334½	Farey Group	380	+2	2.1	20.1
283	190	Forward Gp	190	-2	3.3	11.4
58	14½	Forward Tech	44	..	2.1	9.1
353½	268½	GEC	288	-½	4.7	14.5
191	104	Gestetner	107	..	2.8	..
191	119	Grasely	146	+1	5.1	13.7
193	121	Ind Control	125	..	5.0	..
385	325½	Kenwood Appl	330	+1	3.5	16.1
880	730	Kershaw (A)	880	..	3.9	40.5
165	38	Kode	69	-2	7.2	..
55	45	LPA Ind	45	-2	4.4	..
320	250	MTL Inst	314	-2	1.7	18.9
281	210	Memrnr-Sc	252	..	2.1	19.6
45	31	Micromaic	34½	+½		
494	185	Mael	330	-5		
148	109	Murray Em	115	+1	2.2	..
31	23	Oxts	23	..	2.8	..
91	66	Pace Systems	70	..	6.3	25.3
98	74½	Peek	86	+1	4.9	21.6
2175	1400	Philips Lmp cv	2006½	+21½	0.9	9.1
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£110	..	5.2	..
359	293	Pelco	354	..	1.6	24.3
344	283	Pelco 'A' Vtg	332	..	1.7	22.8
149	70	Pacmec	117	+3	4.0	..
129	96	Pressac	96	-2	3.7	..
43½	17½	Pressick	26			
303	181	Psion	252	..	1.4	17.7
261	187	Racal Elect	232	-3½	2.3	19.1
53	33	Radamec	51	..	4.7	14.0
311	226	Roxburn	228	-1	2.5	16.7
89	15	Scantronic	22	-1	4.8	..
256	162	Scholes Gp	253	..	0.8	..
49	35	Silverthorne	37	..	2.7	22.0
94	63	Soundtracs	83	..	3.8	14.3
104	41	Stirm Prs	46	..	10.1	7.2
13	11	TDC Circuits	11			
3225	2265½	TDK	2981½	-43½	1.1	..
170	80	Telemetrix	25	..	1.5	10.9
101	51	TGI	92	+1	2.7	17.1
344	191	Telspec	335	+4	0.9	40.5
246	133	Thorpe FW	235	-1	1.7	17.2
42	22	Total Systems	36	+1	..	37.4
303	215	Tunstall	256	..	1.8	18.3
364	256	Unitech	356	..	2.3	29.0
16	8½	Verity	9			
483	394	Volex	394	-1	5.9	17.0
200	60	Wardbourne	90			
156½	93	Whitecroft	151	+2	1.7	23.8

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	119	AIM	165	..	3.4	44.0
138	60	APV	62½	+½	8.8	..
270	157	ASW	187	..	4.0	..
126	20½	Aero Ntable	25	..	16.6	2.6
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	16½	..	5.7	46.8
73	37½	Alvis	48	..	2.6	33.4
175	156	Acd & Lacy	156	..	2.7	15.1
553	490	Atlas Equpt	543	-2	5.1	18.1
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	115	..	1.1	..
51	24½	BM Gp	45	+1		
40½	26½	Babcock	29			
178	138	BWR	123	..	6.1	21.3
85	64	Baynes (Charles)	86	+1	2.5	22.0
95	53	Beauford	32			
226	123	Billam (J)	151	..	4.3	9.4
329	262	Bodycote	313	..	2.2	21.3
75	42	Boom Inds	67			
20	15	Bramley	16½	..	4.0	16.8
171	120	Brecon	156			
584	390	Br Aerospace	471	-1	2.3	41.4
172½	121½	Br Steel	157	+1	2.8	18.7
135	35½	Bromsgrove Ind	89	-½	6.3	11.3
18½	9½	Brown Tool	12½	+½		
186	135	Bullough	152	..	5.0	25.0
79	55	Burnfield	74	+2	3.1	31.8
23	14	Cl Group	15	..	2.5	..
293	232	Camlo Eng	250	..	4.5	16.3
155	110	Cashmg	140	..	2.3	17.2
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	180	..	5.3	10.0
300	272	Chemring	283	..	4.1	14.9
296½	187	Clyde Blowers	192	..	2.7	53.7
232	195	Cobham	330	+1	3.0	16.5
685	395	Cohen (A)	540	..	0.8	..
263	178	Concentric	181	-1	4.1	15.0
310	240	Cooper (Frd)	249	..	3.8	11.6
296	198	David Brown	216	..	3.8	15.2
97	70	Denison Pack	76	..	6.0	15.4
442	364	EIS	389	..	4.0	15.0
101	80	Elliott (B)	101	..	2.5	15.0
118	60	Expamet	91	..	3.6	64.5
212	156	FKI	162	-2	2.9	18.7
148	109	Fenner	139	..	1.4	..
45	11	Ferrum	31			
88	74	GEI Int	74	..	2.5	20.8
134	91	Garton Engt	125	..	4.6	..
404	321	Glynwed	345	-2	4.2	20.4
14½	10	Garrard	13½	..	2.2	11.4
85	61	Haden MacLn	68	..	3.7	17.6
122	90	Hadleigh	119	+2	2.4	13.9
329	143	Hall Eng	153	+4	8.5	12.1
326	204	Halma	224	..	1.3	28.3
73	47	Hampson Ind	50½	..	3.0	9.6
161	122	Harris (Philip)	130	..	6.1	17.3
48	36	Hay (Norman)	36			
184½	137	Hill & Smith	148	..	3.9	16.1
63	32	Hopkinsons	53	..	3.1	..
41	32	How Gp	39	..	2.4	..
103	78	Howden	86½	..	3.5	14.2
265	157	Hubbard	159	+2	7.4	24.7
513	402	Hunting Tec	452	+2	1.5	19.8
379	296	IMI	337	+5½	3.9	27.8
57	33½	Johnson & FB	36½	..	1.2	..
628	488	Johnson Matth	580	-1	2.5	23.1
32	25	Jones Shipman	30			
320	230	Kelsey Ind	319	..	3.1	..
335	205	Lucas	232	..	3.7	14.6
20½	14	Locker (T) A	14	-½	1.8	..
49	38	ML Hldgs	39	+1	2.7	13.5
67	26	MS Int	26	..	12.0	16.7
179	129	Mang Bronzet	140	+1	3.6	10.9
539	412	McKechnie	422½	+4½	4.4	15.6
120	71½	Meggitt	77	+½	6.4	12.4
120	101	Metair	106	-1	4.4	17.6
133	99	Metsect	131	..	2.9	18.2
589	519	Molins	519	..	3.8	10.4
408	310	Morgan Cruc	325	+2	4.9	15.8
217	176	Morris Ashby	209	..	3.6	..
51	34	Neepsend	36	..	4.3	16.8
128	53	Neotronics	54	..	6.0	11.7
60	48	Newman (L)	48			
64	42	OMI Intl	44½	..	5.3	..
358	277	Oxford Ins	330	..	1.9	19.3
341	218	Powerscreen	287	..	3.5	11.8
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14	..	7.3	7.5
108	60	Radiant Metal	75			
71	13	Ransomes	61			
95	70	Record	85	..	5.3	19.1
309	268	Renishaw	294	..	2.9	25.8
185	126	Renold	183½	+1½	2.1	25.3
57	51	Richard (Leics)	51	..	5.5	36.5
104½	79	Richardsn West	79½	..	5.1	17.5
204	161	Rolls-Royce	178½	+½	3.5	31.5
195	156	Rotork	168	+5	3.3	17.1
190	134	Rubicon	135	..	4.3	15.2
150½	72	Senior Engt	81½	+½	5.2	13.3
270	245	Servomex	266	..	3.1	28.4
630	500	Siebe	564	+7	2.4	18.1
130½	75	Simon Eng	94	-1		
82	35	Six Hundred	74	..	2.5	..
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1171½	+18½		
527½	411	Smiths Ind	499	-1	3.5	17.7
462	337	Spirax-Sarco	462	+3½	2.7	19.6
267	197	Sterling Ind	235	+1	3.4	21.1
455	345	TI	376½	-½	3.8	30.8
121	92	Tinsley (E)	118	..	5.9	19.2
105	45	Transfer Tech	80	..	7.0	8.4
183	130	Triplex Lloyd	130	..	6.7	..
18½	12	Ult Inds	16	..	0.8	..
1405	980	VSEL	1405	+23	3.2	13.2
31½	12	Verson	16			
304	163	Vickers	189	-3	2.3	20.0
327	234	Victaulic	235	..	4.3	12.9
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11			
522	451	Vinten	512	..	2.0	13.4
805	661	Vosper Thorny	743	..	3.2	16.0
527	451	Wagon Ind	463	..	4.8	23.6
354½	246½	Weir	287	+7	2.9	17.1
41	37½	Wellman	41	..	2.7	86.9
548	377	Whessman	379	..	3.5	13.9
264	90	Whessoe	104	..	9.9	7.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	32			
156	108	Airflow Streamt	153	..	3.3	15.0
639	474	Avon Rubber	533	..	3.9	23.2
236	173	BBA	207	+9	2.7	..
86½	57½	BSG	57½	..	7.0	36.9
18½	8½	Benson Group	9½	..	4.3	13.0
306	180	Bostrom	298	..	2.5	17.0
22	12½	Caverdale	12½	..	1.5	12.9
332	275	ERF	324	..	0.8	..
346	296	First Tech	327	..	1.3	18.9
660	510½	GKN	642	+11	4.0	37.6
4387½	2350	General Mtr	2462½	+50	2.1	..
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1086½	-3½	0.4	..
444	340	Laird	365	-2	3.7	17.2
350	233	Lookers	350			
239	158	Lucas	207	+7	4.2	..
64	53	Mayflower	54	..	3.2	22.0
124	69	Mistrales	74	..	..	10.3
178	149	Sykone	165	+3	3.7	18.3
261	203	T & N	229	+11	5.9	20.0
333	283	Trinity Hldgs	313	..	2.6	32.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	553	+4	3.7	9.5
368	266	Acatos & Hutch	274	..	3.9	10.9
74	42	Albert Fisher	43	..	10.8	14.6
270	215	Banks (S C)	215	..	5.7	8.2
376	305	Barr (AG)	374	..	2.3	24.1
72	35	Bensons Crsp	39	..	6.9	..
481	378	Booker	411	+2	6.1	15.1
56½	48	Borthwick	51	..	3.2	21.8
312	156	CPL Aromas	302	..	1.9	19.3
545	407	Cadbury-Schwt	440	+1	4.4	14.6
232	143	Carrs Milling	209	..	2.7	11.3
167	130	Clarkwell	152	+1	6.9	12.5
154	90	Dalepak	118	..	1.6	..
543	389	Dalgety	423	+4	8.2	11.8
87	50	Daniels S	56	..	0.7	..
294	210	Devro	215	..	3.6	14.5
101	52	Everest	69	-13	4.5	25.9
8½	5	Farringford	5			
85	66	Finlay (James)	70	..	7.4	9.5
20½	13	Glotalt	13½	+½	4.6	12.3
68	38	Grand Central	48			
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	123	-1	6.8	7.7
196½	151	Hillsdown	175	..	6.3	12.5
28	16	Hobson	25			
111	93	JLI Group	94	..	8.4	13.2
408	313	Linton Park	399	..	5.5	11.4
127	85	Mathews (B)	122	..	2.8	14.7
181	160	Mas ED & F	170	+2	6.3	9.4
246	205	Nichols (JN)	238	..	3.1	15.3
271½	193	Nthn Foods	217	+7	5.1	10.6
14	9	Nthmbn Fn	12			
46	29	Pascoe's	29			
81	62	Perkins Food	74½	..	7.5	12.5
96	73	Seary Farm	83	..	3.4	8.4
122	80	Sims Food	87	..	11.0	..
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	440	+9	3.8	10.9
238	145	Treat	210	..	2.4	17.1
434½	323	Unigate	367	+2	6.3	9.9
1247	958	Unilever	1134	+2	2.8	16.2
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7287½	+12½	3.0	14.7
388	293½	Utd Biscuits	319	+1	6.0	26.0
21	6	Usborne	7			
49	33	West Trust	33	..	9.5	23.1
133	99	Yorkshire Food	113	-1	3.6	13.3

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	375	AAH	381	+5	5.9	13.6
1141	888	Amersham	899	+3	2.2	18.7
81	43	Amgen	57			
297½	215	Assoc Nursg	215	..	1.2	12.6
333	243	Bespak	271	+1	4.7	13.9
10	6	Care UK	6½			
115	80	Celsis	70			
151	80	Chiroscience	92			
69	45½	Cortecs	47			
297	232	Community Ht	246	..	4.0	14.2
44	30	CrestaCare	31			
146	96	Enviromed	125	-1	0.2	..
110	82	Ferrums Group	88	..	3.0	13.0
171	134	Goldsborough	138	-1	3.0	15.1
15½	9½	Greenacre	10	..	4.2	13.3
165	39	Intercare Gp	41	..	10.7	4.4
300	280	Loveryn	285	..	1.3	..
171	107	Lyle Sciences	142	..	3.6	14.1
152½	74	Lon Intl	88	-1		
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47	..	8.4	11.6
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	262	-3	2.1	15.2
210	145	Scotoll	151	..	5.7	14.5
370	291	Seton Health	370	-1	2.4	17.7
83	44	Shield Diag	60			
159½	136½	Smith & Nephw	148½	-1	4.3	16.4
21	9	Specialeyes	9			
292	192	Takare	215	+1	1.2	12.7
313	256	UniChem	262	..	3.2	15.9
400	294	West Hlthcare	335	-2	1.[illegible]	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	223	Airsprung	244	..	2.5	15.3
193	115	BLP Group	168	..	0.7	46.1
39	26	Bitzen Stores	37			
167	94	Crowell Pk 'A'	54	-1	7.6	21.0
285	190	Creighton	190	..	5.1	[illegible]
162	135	Denby Group	156	..	3.2	17.8
158	113	Ekeskett	145			
14	4½	Lionheart	5			
231	166	Maybom	186	-1	4.0	[illegible]
335	250	Ontario Ind	251	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
430	230	Osborne & Little	425		[illegible]	[illegible]
625	428	Pearson Lenz	456	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
566	413	Paterson Zoch A	434		[illegible]	[illegible]
714½	539	Reckitt Coln	570		[illegible]	[illegible]
291	211	Relyon	257		[illegible]	[illegible]
378	194	Silentnight	215	-2	[illegible]	13.5
46	33	Stocker	34			
330	213	Tomkinson	214		[illegible]	[illegible]
160	125	Victoria Carpet	145		[illegible]	[illegible]
114	97	Walker Greenbk	104	..	4.1	12.6
62	44	Wiltord Wood	58	-1		
156	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1275	+18½	5.2	..
2842½	1587½	Am Genl	1750	-6½	4.2	..
112	84½	Angerstein	89	+1	..	73.4
57	47	Archer	57			
185	85	Baitloe	92			
550	376	Britannic	414	+5	3.9	10.6
117	88½	CLM Insce	95	+3	1.9	..
701½	491	Com Union	548	-2	3.8	20.7
102	66	Delian	91	+1	6.7	..
1950	1663	Dom & Genl	1670	..	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	58	..	1.2	..
221½	145	FBD IE	164½	..	2.4	7.6
194	140	Fenchurch Gp	156	-1	5.7	14.1
114	68	Fectory Under	96	+2	1.6	61.9
757	529	Gen Accident	574	+5	5.8	9.2
247	161	GRE	192	..	6.1	21.5
105	80	HCC Lloyds	89	-1	1.8	25.0
457	211	Heath C E	240	-8	6.5	..
345½	182½	Hiberman	188½	+½	4.5	7.4
114	96	Hiscox Select	100	..	1.9	..
373	239	Independent	244	..	4.6	5.6
241	178	Insur Lifes	185	-6	6.3	17.3
203	124	JIB Group	124	..	4.6	11.3
547	407	Legal & Genl	437	-2	5.3	17.4
1471½	365½	Liberty Life	1462½	-5½	..	5.6
119	91	London Ins Mkt	100	-7	..	24.5
310	157	Lloyd Thompson	171	..	1.7	13.3
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	335	+3	6.5	10.3
195	159	Lombard Ins	175	..	4.1	..
438	308	London & Man	310	..	6.5	15.4
119	91	London Ins Mkt	100	+1	2.5	34.5
236	155	Lowndes Lmb	156	..	6.0	9.7
5895½	4556½	Marsh McLn	4800	+81½	3.3	..
116	84	Mnahead	93	+1		
188	147	Nelson Hurst	173	..	4.0	17.3
84	76	New London Cap	81	..	0.2	..
129½	109	Orion	111	..	[illegible]	..
95	76½	Premium Trust	80	-½	3.1	..
125	101½	Premium Under	112	-1		
385	271	Prudential	322	-5	5.3	12.3
83	31	PWS	35	..	10.7	..
434	261	Refuge	357	+2	5.3	13.7
350	232½	Royal	286	-4	5.9	..
221	139	Sedgwick	147	..	7.1	15.6
155	104	Steel Burrill	113	..	3.3	..
99	54	Stirge Hldgs	76	..	3.8	..
413	285	Sun Alliance	335	-6	5.6	9.3
107	91	Syndicate Cap	94	..	1.9	..
96	51	Trade Indemnity	60	..	1.9	13.4
464	332	Transatlantic	350	..	4.5	30.4
673	449	Utd Friendly	460	-5	4.6	13.6
245	133	Willis Corroon	135	..	6.6	[illegible]
28	20	Windsor	24	..	..	13.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	333	+2	2.2	
106½	79½	Abtrust Emerg	89½			
102	86	Abtrust High Inc	97	..	8.0	
290	205	Abtrust New Dawn	225	..	5.5	
2058	1703	Alliance	1765	+6	3.4	
293	249½	American Trust	268	+4	2.5	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	422	+3	2.1	
196	148	Baillie Gifford SN	149	-1		
219	173	Bankers	186	+2	2.6	
75½	45½	Baring Em Eur	48½	+½	0.3	
381	311	Baring Tribune	329	+3	2.5	
248	198	Barry Starr	220	..	1.2	
215	162	Boies Inv	165	+1		
120½	91	Br Assets	98½	+1	5.7	
98	89	Br Empire Sec	92½	..	1.3	
45	31	Br Empire Wts	37			
234	188	Br Inv	214	+1	2.8	
99½	63½	Brazilian	98½	+1½	0.3	
272	221	Brunner	236	..	2.8	
161	117	BZW Conv	131½	+1	7.4	
363	310	Candover	325	..	4.3	
65	50	Contrail Euro Gwth	55			
271	180	Crown & Eastern	187	+2	2.4	
223	191	Cont Assets	192	+1	2.0	
95	81	Danae Inv Inc	81	..	12.3	
326	268	Derby Cap	290	+7		
173	147	Derby Inc	180	..	12.3	
100	73	Drayton Blue	75	..	14.0	
111	84	Dryton Eng Intl	92	..	1.1	
196	128	Drytn Far East	144	+½	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	637	+7	5.2	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	89			
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	306	..	3.7	
80	38	Dunedin Wts	40			
827	725	Dunedin Worldw	764	+4	1.6	
360	281	Edinburgh Inv	307	+4	3.6	
53½	42½	Edinburgh Incst	51			
122	92½	EFM Dragon	115½	+1½		
179	139	EFM Japan	182			
354	286	Electra Inv	331	+2	2.7	
227	185	Electric Gen	195	..	2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181	..	2.8	
127	106	English Scot	110½			
345	286	European Asset	294	..	2.0	
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	157	..	0.2	
103½	84	Fidelity Jap Val	85			
172	148	Fleming Am	156	..	2.4	
82	73	First Spanish	73	..	0.4	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	290	+1	0.5	
145	75	Fleming Chinese	83½	+1	0.7	
267	196	Fleming Claverh	209	..	3.3	
386	302½	Fleming Cont	317	..	0.9	
264	190	Fleming Euro	208	..	2.9	
459	327	Fleming F East	359	+5	0.5	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	360	..	1.0	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	99	..	5.6	
109	80	Fleming Indian	95	+2		
52½	36	Fleming Intl	38½	+½	11.6	
284	223	Fleming Japan	248½	-½		
347	269½	Fleming Merc	284	+4	2.9	
347½	280½	Fleming Overs	291½	+2	1.8	
92	36	Fleming Wts	39½	+½		
155½	128½	Foreign & Col	138	+2	1.6	
106	94	For & Col Inc Gwth	98	-1		
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	128½	..	0.3	
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	71½	+½	1.0	
261	218	Frgn Eurotst	229	..	0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	123	..	0.5	
374	307	Frgn Pacific	324	+4	1.0	
144	116	Frgn PEP	122	..	3.6	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	165	+½	1.5	
120	91	Frgn US Smlr	102	+2		
38½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	25			
54	46	Fulcrum Inc	48	+1	22.6	
142½	134½	Fulcrum Zero	138½			
213	191	Gartmore Britt	193	..	2.4	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	135	..	0.8	
130	91	Gartmore Shelf	92	..	13.0	
128	103	Gearad Inc Inv	109	..	9.5	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	153	+1		
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	..	10.4	
325	214	Gov Asian Sm Cos	249	+1	0.1	
151	101	Gov Eng Mkts	121	-1	0.3	
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	147	+1		
96½	80	Govett Glob Smlr	86½	+½		
112	78	Govett High Inc	84	..	7.0	
429	349	Govett Orientl	402	+6	0.4	
346	231	Govett Strategic	245	+7½	3.4	
475	410	Greenfriar	418	..	2.0	
19	19	Gresham House	19			
303	235	GT Japan	236	-1	0.7	
155	119	H Govett Smlr Cot	122	..	1.0	
138	113	Hens High	115	..	6.2	
293	257	Hend Strata	283	+2	0.6	
105	86	Herald	95	+2		
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	106	..	0.5	
27	13	IAS Ent	14			
119	94	IAS UK Smlr	110	..	3.2	
158	122	Inv Cap	130	+3	5.0	
99	90	Int Biotech	90			
50	30	Ins Wts	37			
177	135	INVESCO Korea	154	..	8.4	
132	88½	J Fry 2nd U	97	..	6.2	
100	94	J Fry Inc U	96			
256	187	JF Fledg Jap	223	+1½		
121	108	Jupiter Intl Em	108	..	3.9	
243	195	Kiwort Chrt	207	-2	3.1	
149	115	Kleinw E Mkt	130			
124	105	Klnwt End	111	+1		
82½	75½	Klnwt Euro Pri	79	-½		
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	25½			
116	92	Klnwt H Inc	84	-3	11.3	
272½	225	Klnwt O'seas	236	-3	1.8	
165	128	Klnwt Smlr	129	-1	3.0	
321	132½	Lon American	156½	+1		
375	672	Law Debenture	734	+4	3.3	
129	95	Lazard H Inc	100	..	8.5	
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	82	-3		
35	25	Lloyds Sm Div	29	..	15.3	
120	107	Lloyds Sm Pkg	110	+2	4.0	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	159	+2	4.9	
247	208	Lon & Strathclyde	219	..	3.4	
108	81	Lon Smaller Co St	86	-3½	4.6	
334	265	Lowland	287	..	4.1	
1440½	887½	Lycenburg	1431½	..	1.6	
670	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	560			
151	127	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135	..	22.2	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2620	+15		
339	285	M&G Dual Inc	290	..	30.3	
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	66	..	9.0	
37½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	30½			
45	33	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	39	..	15.7	
137	117	M&G Inc Package	119	..	5.2	
57	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	53½	-½		
37	27½	M&G Rec Cap	32			
72½	62	M&G Rec Geared	65	..	7.3	
23½	17½	M&G Rec Inc	21½	..	14.7	
151	129	M&G Rec Package	133	+1	3.6	
82½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	70	+1		
128	99	M Currie Euro	110	..	0.3	
150	132	M Currie Pac	146	-1	0.3	
210	154	Majedie	198	+1	5.4	
64	43	Mandrin	52			
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	105			
274	232	Merchants	272	+4	5.1	
97	73½	Mercury Euro Pr	84½	-½		
45	28½	Mercury Wts	31	+½		
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	38			
595	452	Monks Inv Tst	522	-2	1.7	
155	127	Morg Gren Inc	134	..	4.6	
64	42	Morg Wts	49			
111	87	Morg Lat Amer	102			
65	39	Morg Wts	53			
148	109	Murray Ext	115	+1	2.2	
68	54	Murray Euro	59	..	0.6	
357	317	Murray Income	334	-3	4.4	
395	319	Murray Intl	396	+5	4.7	
162	133	Murray S/C DP	157½	-½		
174	136	Murray S/C Cap	140			
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	82	..	16.2	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Unt	3050	..	4.3	
548	424	Murray Smaltl	486	+2	1.1	
363	292½	Murray Ventr	309	..	4.7	
58	33	Murray Est Wts	33			
23½	16	Murray En Wts	17½			
58	16	Newmarket	16			
95	60	Nestrog Inc	60	..	8.0	
104	85	Nestrog Cap	78	+1		
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	357	+3	1.2	
241	179	O'seas Wts	204			
640½	433	Pacific Assets	352	+10	0.3	
542	335	Pacific Wts	452	+13		
120	89	Perpetual Jap	102½			
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700	..	2.8	
153	124	Pilot Inv	125½	+½	1.6	
96	91	Pipes Euro Sm	93	+1		
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	183	..	1.0	
38	29	River Merc Am Cap	29			
121	104	River Merc Am Inc	104	..	9.5	
17	13	River Merc Am Wts	13½			
150	118	River Merc Cap	122	+3		
147	91	River Merc Ex Inct	93	..	10.5	
49	14	River Merc Ex IncWt	17			
116	85	River Merc Grd Incl	85	..	11.1	
35	23	River Merc Gid Ptl	27			
127	112	River Merc Tst Inc	113	..	10.2	
40	22	River Merc Wt	23	+½		
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	123	+1	4.2	
77	31	River Merc Sm Wt	35			
449	405	Robeco	412	..	3.1	
463	415	Rolinco	420	..	1.9	
124	68	Schrod Jap	71½	+½		
99	87	Schrod Jap Gwth	88½	+½		
52	40½	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	40½	-½		
28½		Schrod Jap Wt	12			
1112½	761½	Schrod Korea Fd	980½	+7	0.1	
650½	411	Sch Korea Fd Wt	493½	+3½		
112½	103	Sch Spl 3ero Div	106	+½		
37	27½	Sch Split Fd Cap	31			
129	108	Sch Split Fd Inc	113	..	8.5	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	95	+1		
42	33	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	40	+1		
292½	208	Scot	215	+1½	2.9	
183	150½	Scot American	157½	+1½	3.8	
368	298	Scot Asian	294	+4		
1070	663	Scot Wts	808	+5		
97½	77	Scot Eastern	84	+1	2.4	
264½	205	Scot Mtgst	225½	+3½	2.3	
106½	91½	Scot Natl Tst	93	..	10.1	
133½	104	Scot Value	108	+1	2.3	
1795	1515	Second Alliance	1582	+16	3.4	
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scotl	82½	+½	4.9	
179	145	Selective Asset	158	..	1.1	
161	129	SHIRESCOT	133	..	5.1	
51½	35	Sphere Inv	38	..	13.4	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	306	..	3.2	
412	310	Temple Bar	347	+3	4.9	
135	102	Thmsn Asian E	109	..	0.6	
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	498	+10		
101	71½	Throgmorton	75½	+1½	3.8	
164½	116	Tolkien Emg Mkt	125	+3	0.7	
177½	133½	TR City Of Lont	147½	+½	4.4	
205	149	TR Far East	159½	+½	4.3	
124½	86	TR Pacific	110½	+½	0.2	
43½	32	TR Property	34½	+½	3.2	
228	179	TR Smlr Cos	189	+3	2.5	
152	106	TR Tech Inv	111	+2	2.0	
405	190	Tentay Trust	210	+2	1.8	
369	233	USDC Invest	242	+1	2.3	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	117½	+½	4.5	
109	65	Wigmore	68			
257½	205	Witan	232½	+3	3.1	
113	104	Yeoman Inc	107	..	15.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	81	1st Choice	121	..	3.6	..
40	26	Abbn Sill H	34			
578½	416	Airtours	445	+7	2.6	15.4
46½	18	Ald Leis	18			
177	140	Alpha Airport	140	..	3.6	..
48	36	Arcadian	40			
131	85	Baldwin	111	..	3.9	19.1
333	257	Barr & W 'A'	257	..	4.9	10.7
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	235	+4	3.2	7.0
365	231	Boosey Hwks	338	..	1.9	20.0
7½	2½	Brent Walker	3			
300	100	Bristol Scotst	183	..	2.0	..
7½	1½	Buckingham Int	1½			
247	114	Chrysalis	236	..	1.7	..
94	74	City Centre Rest	78	..	2.9	15.8
374	305	Compass Gp	321	-2	2.7	18.9
390	232	Eurocamp	259	..	4.8	10.7
213	78	Euro Disney	106	-4		
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3			
455	308	Fairline Boats	435	..	3.4	30.3
350	345	First Leisure	253	+3	3.3	16.8
285	209½	Forte	232½	-½	4.0	27.5
207	169	Friendly Hotels	178	..	4.0	29.8
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	..	2.5	..
598	475	Granada	525	+5	2.2	20.7
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	41	..	8.5	6.0
216	176	Hornby	180	..	6.2	15.7
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	157½	+½	4.4	14.1
18½	11½	Kunick	14½			
276	200	London Clubs	278	+3	5.4	14.2
217½	145	Ladbroke	157	-2	2.8	27.7
164	66	Magnolia	66	..	0.2	..
702	539	Man Utd	638	+1	4.1	..
109½	74½	Marcans Grd	86½	+4½	3.7	22.6
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½			
67	34	Northern	64½	+½	5.8	10.7
102	65½	Pelican Gp	92	..	1.5	..
141	109	PizzaExpress	125	..	2.0	19.2
183	119	Prism Leisure	119	-1	4.4	8.4
43	25	Quadrant Grp	25			
278	205	Rank	256	-2	2.2	38.4
447½	355½	Rank Org	416	+1	3.8	26.7
37½	18½	Ryan Hotels	26½	..	4.9	15.1
1135	730	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938	..	0.5	..
92	60½	Scoot	83½	+1	1.8	30.1
350	236½	Stanley Leisure	340	..	1.9	19.2
345½	280	Tamarisk	280	..	0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	998	-3	4.3	20.4
167	75	Tottenham Hot	128	..	1.0	34.3
158	139	VCI	158	+3½	1.7	14.1
129	112	Vardon	121	..	1.2	21.4
18	5½	Wembley	6½			
149	110	Zetters Gp	134	..	7.9	..

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	348	..	2.1	31.3
355	198	Adscene	288	-3	2.8	20.6
33	17½	Aegis Gp	26			
17½	5½	Allied Radio	5½	-½		
25	15	BBB Design	15	..	..	7.7
235	163	Barbour Index	183	..	5.8	15.8
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½			
345	330	Black (A&C)	336	..	5.0	12.1
402	213	Blenheim Grp	242	..	5.3	9.0
295	133	Border TV	175	..	2.9	14.6
413	365	Bristol	376	..	4.1	26.0
169	117½	CIA Gp	135	..	1.6	21.8
439	328	Capital Radio	344	+1	2.7	..
1047	707	Carlton Comms	868	-2	2.7	19.6
99	76	City of Lon	82	..	6.0	14.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1365½	+6½	1.4	32.0
1484½	869½	Daily Mail 'A'	975	..	1.9	22.8
314	260	Dorling Kind	286	..	1.4	..
460	355	EMAP	397	+1	2.7	24.7
648½	538	Elsevier	638½	-9½	3.0	20.7
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1643	+5	3.3	..
17½	8	Fitch	12			
485	309	Flextech	482	+4		
1033	675	GWR Gp	872	..	1.5	31.5
275	170	Gold Greenlees	170	..	3.9	20.5
34	23	Goodhead	24	..	0.3	
356	228	Grampian	335	..	2.8	17.9
172	106	HTV Group	144	..	1.5	32.2
194	22	Harrisgave K	40	..	3.1	
515	328	Haynes Pub	383	..	2.9	22.8
408	328	Hodder H'line	329	+1	2.0	53.6
180	120	Home Counts	174	..	3.6	42.6
340	273½	Independent	293	+3	2.6	10.0
237	161	Ind Bus Comm	219	..	2.6	10.6
162	119	Intereuropet	124	..	7.8	
187½	137½	Johnstone Press	151	..	1.6	21.2
33½	20½	Lopex	21	..	1.5	23.7
110	43	MAID	48	..	..	72.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	482	..	2.9	25.1
177½	122½	Midland Ind	125	-1	2.8	17.1
203	123	Mirror Gp	148	+1	0.8	7.8
431	344	More O'Ferrall	356	+6	4.6	20.5
343	242½	News Corp	261	+7	0.5	15.6
314	224	News Intl	241	-2	0.7	12.8
60	31	Osprey Contexst	31	..	0.4	
735	552	Pearson	621	+4	2.7	21.4
440	210	Phonelink	229			
780	605	Portsmth Sund	606	..	2.2	15.0
388	253	Quarto	253	..	3.0	13.8
954	722	Reed Int	788	+7	3.1	23.8
539½	424	Reuters	488	+4	1.8	24.4
178	127	Saatchi	158	-2	..	30.6
628	395	Scot Radio	583	..	2.3	22.8
574	355	Scot TV	432	-4	3.6	29.0
40½	20½	SelecTV	24½			
57	20½	Shandwick	45½	+½	1.2	6.8
249	187	Southnews	247	..	1.5	32.4
200	138	Sterling Pub	138	..	3.3	11.8
153	125	Sunset & Vine	130	..	3.8	
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	35½	..	2.2	21.4
822	310	Telegraph	342	+4	4.8	12.1
885	695	Thomson Corp	735	..	5.1	36.7
472	378	Trinity Intl	379	..	3.3	17.5
780	518	Ulster TV	704	..	2.8	21.6
731	479	Utd Newspapers	530	+1	5.4	12.8
161	115	VTR	125	-3	4.1	
36½	22½	WASCO	22½	..	3.7	10.6
129	83½	WPP	117	+3	1.1	16.8
400	150	Yorkshire TV	394	-1		

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corp	100	..	3.4	8.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3162½	..	3.0	16.5
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3756½	-6½	1.9	35.0
7331½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6856½	+3½	4.0	17.8
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	36	+½		
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1359½	-34½		
166	122	Ashton	123	-2	4.3	
988	773½	Broken Hill	909	+5	2.3	36.4
404	275	Bulyanhulu	285			
481	294½	Beatrix	451½	+3½	4.0	25.1
39	34	Bracken	35	..	2.4	30.2
184	90½	Blyvoors	132½	-2½		
84	30	Bougainville	45			
37	12½	Bracken	17½	+½	5.1	
898	580½	Buffels	648½	+½	8.6	
6	2½	Butte	2½			
980	745½	CRA	847	+2	2.5	26.3
77	45	Central Pacific	52			
33½	36	Cluff Res	43½	+½		
143	28½	Coal Inv	85			
300	65	Cons Murchison	244	..	2.6	
1750	1318½	De Beers	1537½	+6½	3.5	16.9
148	88	Deelkraal	107	-2½	3.4	9.3
101½	30½	Doornfontein	72	+½		
1038½	665½	Driefontein	890½	+7	4.4	14.3
941½	549½	Durban	881	-8½		
203½	107	E Rand Gold	169½	+1½	12.3	5.4
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	83½	+½		
75	48	Eastern Trans	75	..	3.4	16.1
513	300½	Elandsrand	475½	+3½	3.4	10.8
447½	320	Eng China Clt	345	-7	5.9	16.5
1239	741½	FS Const	982½	+7	8.0	12.0
82	27	FS Dev	70	..	1.8	
1993½	1193½	GFSA	1993½	+12½	1.9	29.2
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	56	..	2.6	20.6
235½	108½	Gencor	235½	+1½	1.1	29.0
128	75	Gold Fields Prop	118	..	7.9	
157	85	Gopeng	113	..	0.2	
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	17			
202	105½	Grootvlei	161	-3½	6.0	8.4
92½	67	Gwalia Cons	92½	+½	1.0	11.1
668½	319½	Harmony	584½	+4½		
430	268½	Hartes	310½	+2½	9.3	9.0
1531½	831½	Impala Plat	1503½	-6½	1.7	45.8
230	122	Kelsdon	150	..	6.6	12.8
1315½	890½	Kinross	1128½	+15½	4.3	15.5
1094½	568½	Kloof	1005½	-½	3.2	10.3
137	69½	Leslie	117½	+½	9.2	8.8
368½	176½	Loraine	302½	+2½		
30	17	Maelothera	20			
3	2½	Milangura	3			
162	118	MIM	125	+4	1.9	
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1665½	+15½	2.2	
324	158	Mopatch	194	-3		
202½	88	NSM	98	+3	..	11.3
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	159	-3	3.4	22.8
94	45	Oryx Gold	94			
101	65	Pancontinental	81	+2		
463	255	Pataling Tin	250	-20	0.5	
198	122½	Placer Pac	179	+2		
4	4½	Premier Land	4			
425	317	RTZ	348	..	4.4	18.8
805	790	RTZ	859	..	3.9	24.5
49	33	Rackwood	33	-1		
650	187½	Rand Mines	650	..	1.7	
840½	547½	Randfontein	679½	+8½	7.5	8.4
205	207	Rustern	240	+8		
1809½	1078½	Rustbrg	1725	-3½	1.7	
112	70	St Barbara	75	+2		
785	539½	St Helena	644½	-3½	6.9	
280	195	Sonic Gwalia	265	+5	4.5	17.1
30	16	Sthern Pacific	21			
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1950	+12½	4.5	22.3
5	1	Starmin	3			
143	73	Stillwater	105	+½	20.6	3.5
281½	90	Unisel	204½	+1½	2.9	15.6
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6140½	+12½	4.2	9.9
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	15	..	8.3	3.6
545	450	Waltz Blakst	532	..	2.9	20.0
1213½	508½	Western Areas	1153½	+16½	6.3	10.7
3575	2050	Western Deep	3019½	+21½	3.5	10.3
398	300½	Western Mng	365	+7	1.0	56.3
1225	603½	Winkels	937½	+6½	5.1	13.0
66	47	Zambia Copper	49			
68	49	Zandpan	58	..	8.6	11.7

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40½	24½	Aran Energy	40	..	..	24.2
53	35	Arcan Intl	40			
74½	51½	Aus Oil & Gas	53½	+½		
68	43	Avid Pet	60			
249	197	Br Borneo	216	+3	4.1	10.1
358	253	British Gas	384½	+1	6.0	
437½	340	Br Petroleum	427½	..	2.8	23.4
4	1½	Bula Resources	2½			
919	811	Burmah Castrol	853	+9	4.0	17.0
85	56	Cairn Energy	85	+2	..	45.8
375	258	Calor Gpt	285	+1	5.5	13.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	41	+1	1.1	
30	11	Copley Res	11	-½		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	2			
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	..	..	28.7
486	370	Enterprise	380	..	5.3	
26½	21	Fartpoint Int	25	..	4.8	10.2
303	263	Flogas	285	..	3.0	11.8
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			
77	54	Goal Pet	65	..	2.8	21.6
47	31	Gt Western Res	44			
177	137	Hardy O & G	150	..	0.8	19.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	50	..	3.3	
169	110½	Lasmo	146	-½	0.9	
73	48	Lasmo Unts	52	..	18.8	
75	55	Monument	69	..	..	73.7
7½	3½	New London	4½			
2540½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2343½	+37½	1.4	
9½	3½	Oceanics	5			
52	36	OB Search	41	+2		
50½	17½	Pelroz	37½	+1		
168	148	Pict Pet	148			
32½	21½	Premier	29½	-½	..	14.0
158	85	Presidio	85	..	7.8	
111	85	Ptdenrdell Rs	90			
282	129	Ranger Egy	240	-15	0.3	
467	325	Ranger	385	+5	5.3	
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	6950	-9½	4.6	18.1
4084½	3321½	Schlumberger	3531½	-31½	2.2	
88	43	Seas Pickford	52	..	2.2	
67	50	Soufield	66			
758	651	Shell	712½	..	4.4	21.6
157	116	Sumatra Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3481½	Total	3978½	-12½	4.5	
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11			
237	178½	Woodside	224	+2	1.7	
110	28	XCL	70	+1		

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	79	BWD	92	-1	5.7	7.5
136	96	Baltic Plc	123	..	2.0	7.8
185	83	Berry Bch Mdt	83	..	7.7	12.5
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	125	+1	5.8	9.2
757	623	Caledonia	660	+5	3.0	16.8
2050	1980	Carnelia	2252½	..	1.8	8.0
37	13½	Carlisle	#22½	..	1.4	
630½	449	Cater Allen	598	+3	6.9	10.5
174½	125	Cattles	144	+5	4.6	16.1
85	40	Christie	40			
80	62	Claremont	74	..	0.9	9.1
16	12	EFO	14	..	3.8	12.2
71½	45½	EFT Group	58	-½	4.1	22.0
735	513	EFM	734	..	6.2	8.2
212	170	Exco	170	..	3.6	22.7
259	157	Gartmore	198	+8	6.2	14.0
515	395	Gerrard Natl	485	+7	5.1	5.9
465	353	Goode	358	-3	5.5	14.1
1208	845	Henderson Ad	1033	+33	2.8	29.1
251½	151	Invesco	177	..	5.2	13.5
50	37	Investment Co.	43	..	3.8	19.0
250	185	Ivory Sime	244	+3	3.4	9.7
317	214½	Jardine Strat	231½	-2½	1.2	
428	150	Johnson Fry	157	..	3.6	11.5
170	108	King Sturge	117	+4	7.3	10.0
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	180	..	4.9	17.0
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	112	+1	3.4	21.4
1243	794	M & G	1023	+28	3.4	21.4
323	218	MAI	237	+2	4.1	12.9
117½	87½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	88½			
770	538	MAM	655	+22	4.4	13.3
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16	..	..	8.3
1288	970	Perpetual	1178	+15	2.5	17.0
573	415	Provident	538	..	4.1	17.1
365	247	Rathbone Bs	257	+2	4.1	12.7
28	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	..	4.3	13.3
369	281½	S & U	318	..	4.3	10.3
425	187	Sharelink	190	..	5.9	7.1
198	116	SJP Capital	129	+1	2.9	7.9
496	324	Smith New Ct	364	+5	3.4	3.1
604	431	Swiss Pacific 'A'	478½	+4½	2.8	
224	86	Towry Law	88	-44	6.5	7.4
66	25	Tile Hldgs	28	..	6.7	12.7
199	87	Union	93	+4	8.0	8.6
31	20	Western Selectn	25	..	1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Br Biotech	586			
488	393	Carah Pharma	393			
233	191	Celltech	222			
151	86	Chiroscience	92			
47	40½	Cortecs	47			
157	107	Fisons	128	-4	2.7	
725	520	Glaxo	625	-2½	5.4	15.1
185	95½	Grampian Hldg	102	..	6.7	18.9
187	130	Medeva	175	+2	2.1	14.1
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	262	-3	2.1	15.2
295	242	Scotia	265			
83	44	Shield Diag	60			
465½	357½	SmithKline	426½	+½	3.6	16.6
421	322	SmithKline Unit	389½	+2½	4.0	15.1
731	498	Wellcome	672	+2	3.2	15.3
873	672	Zeneca	865	-1	4.0	17.4

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	133	AB Holdings	134	..	5.3	
444	347	API	347	..	3.1	21.8
318	237	Arjo Wiggins	275	-1	3.0	41.4
205	145	Aspen Comm	165	..	3.8	18.8
472	359	Beamsys	359	-3	4.3	12.8
171	97	Blagden	110	..	1.7	51.4
524	469	Bowater	459	+4	3.6	17.2
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1621½	+3½		
297	248	Bowmans Intl	272	..	1.9	16.6
515	435	Br Polythene	461	+6	3.3	16.2
176	38	Br Thornton	38	..	19.7	3.3
180½	126	Bunzl Grp	135	..	2.5	18.6
186	139	Bunzl	167	+2	3.1	16.6
198	129	Capital Indst	157	+3	3.6	12.3
2446½	1850½	Carnaud MB	2331½	+34½	2.1	18.1
439	284	Cropper (James)	294	..	1.5	14.8
1035	825	De La Rue	1014	-20	2.6	18.3
114	78	Delyn Group	82	..	2.5	14.9
137	103	Dolphin Pack	105	..	5.4	13.5
101	75	Fairway Group	97	-2	4.4	18.1
430	302	Ferguson Intl	331	..	4.8	13.3
145	130	Ferry Pick	121	..	6.9	
30	2½	Huntleigh	3			
230	150	Iwank	151½	+½	4.1	9.1
286	249	Jarvis Porter	282	..	2.4	20.3
438	364	Low & Bonar	419	+8	3.1	18.7
70	56	MY Holdings	56½	+½	3.8	13.9
271	223	Macfarlane	264	..	1.9	21.3
250	171	Phyo	171	..	5.1	24.4
820	513	Portals	724	-1	2.8	19.6
412	314	St Ives Gpt	342	..	2.3	18.5
1111	464½	Saatchi	1105½	+8	0.5	
30½	13½	Said	13½			
351½	192	Shiffery	204	..	8.7	10.1
573	398	Smith David	521	+12	2.6	22.2
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	358	+3	1.5	50.9
119	92	Sustic	92	..	3.9	9.4
45	18½	Usher Group	24			
270	182	Waco	237	+1	2.1	15.1
291	209	Waddington (J)	233	+5	4.6	11.4
511	385	Watmough	494	+5	2.1	25.8
149	98	Wyndeham	144	-2	2.5	18.2

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lon	96	..	5.1	12.3
278	252	Argent	282			
144	109	Asda	116	..	2.4	20.5
382½	238	Bilton	246	+1	4.9	17.9
283	235	Bradby	238	..	3.2	17.5
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	18			
108	72	Bourne End	78			
276	177	Bradford	194	+1	4.5	15.8
137	103	Brightview	107	..	4.4	24.2
474	360	Br Land	388	+8	2.4	34.0
276	177	Brixton	184	-1	6.5	16.4
116	86½	Burford	91	..	2.2	29.5
112	96	CLS Hldgs	97	..	6.3	
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	142	..	1.4	32.1
227	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	203	..	4.6	48.8
325	213	Cardiff Prop	213	..	1.5	47.8
68	29	Cathey Intl	29½			
385	152	Chelsfield	158	..	1.9	50.8
678	475	Chesterfield	475	..	3.3	21.3
112	88	Chestertons Int	93	..	4.4	13.1
84	36	City Site Ests	42			
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7	..	1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½	..	6.3	
56	30	Control Rotnl GS	33	+1	1.9	28.9
1755	1280	Daejan	1295	+5	2.6	15.1
25½	5	Dares Estates	11	+4½		
17	4	De Morgan	8	+1½		
156	98½	Debenham Twsn	102	..	4.3	18.5
189	161	Denison	183	..	2.5	45.6
347½	243	Derwent Hldgs	243	..	2.4	21.7
41	21	Development Sec	21½	..	0.6	
51	45	Dwyer	46			
53	25	Elcol	31			
460	275	Estates Agency	325	..	4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	24			
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	102	..	3.1	17.8
43½	24	Ex-Lands	36	..	2.0	
80	64	Fiscal Prop	65	..	1.2	
37	28½	Five Oaks	27	+1	2.3	
78	45	Fletcher King	45	..	4.2	22.3
51	36	Folkes Group	39	..	4.5	
51	36	Folkes Group nvt	39	..	4.4	22.1
536	407	Freqmore	432	+1	4.9	15.8
325	228	Granger	244	..	3.1	
280	174	Gt Portland	185	-4	5.6	31.1
228½	116	Greycoat	121	..	3.6	
94	39	Hambro Countr	43	-1	0.7	43.7
435	311	Hammerson	341	..	3.7	34.2
390	298	Helical Bar	324	..	2.3	11.8
40½	29	Hemingway	30	..	1.7	31.5
78	24	Hewing Bates	24	..	5.0	
75	46	High-Point	48	..	3.8	
268	144½	HK Land	164½	..	3.8	
317½	136½	Jermyn	154	..	..	77.1
782	588	Land Sec	608	-17	5.1	17.1
16	6	Lon & Metro	7	..	..	8.2
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	97	..	5.4	14.3
562	408	MEPC	408	-8	6.1	23.5
13½	6	McInerney A	6½			
190	184	McKay Secs	161	..	3.6	17.9
85	58	Merivale Mre	67	..	3.7	10.8
55	27	Mordfield Est	34	..	3.7	
1425	1156½	Mountview	1200	..	2.3	11.9
196	144	Mucklow (A&J)	150	+1	5.2	18.0
2½	½	ORB	1			
64	30	Olives Prop	30	..	..	11.2
191	140	PSIT	140	..	4.1	18.8
399	235	Peel	236	..	2.4	
162	142	Pillar Prop	149	+2	3.1	
12½	3	Power Corp	3			
77	56	RPS Group	68	..	4.8	12.3
53	31½	Raglan	34	..	..	8.3
40	28	Regalian	28½	+½	..	10.0
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	165	..	1.4	10.5
134	106	Rugby Estl	107	..	2.6	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	50	..	3.0	12.5
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	63	-1	5.4	16.3
100	57	Savills	57	..	4.9	9.2
108	74	Scot Metr	74	..	3.4	8.6
61	45	Secure Retire	45	-1		
135	94	Shaftesbury	94			
307	219	Slough Estates	227	+3	4.6	48.5
183	55	Southend Prop	58	..	5.4	
133	103	Speyhawk	104	..	2.9	
59	10	Stanhope Prps	17			
39	34	TBI	35	-½	..	1.9
244	167	Tops Ests	167	..	1.7	35.8
183	116	Town Centre	122	..	3.9	18.1
107	85	Trafford Park	88	..	4.8	
29½	15	Trenchrwood	17			
58	28	UK Land	45			
317	214	Warner	215	..	8.5	20.7
260	216	Warnford	224	..	4.4	18.3
7½	1½	Waterglade	#2			
103½	63	Wates	64			
45	29	Wolverey Mck	37	..	3.7	
105	69	Wood John D	69			
30	15	YBM	16			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	50½	ASDA Group	65½	-½	3.3	15.1
315	222½	Argyll	274	+2	5.2	12.0
585	413	Booker Bros	457	..	2.0	18.3
43	24	Budgens	25	..	5.0	15.9
17	11½	Cullens	14			
137	78½	Dairy Farm Int	80½	+½	4.5	11.2
394	344	Fitzpat	348	..	2.4	18.8
60	37	Fitzwilton	41	..	11.3	
108	87	Fyfes	104	..	1.7	17.8
371	178	Geest	178	..	5.7	
1078	663	Greggs	1048	..	2.3	19.7
385	325	Greencore	383	..	3.2	11.5
211	132	Iceland Group	162	+1	3.8	10.1
656	522	Kwik Save	562	+2	4.4	9.8
376	138	Low (Wm)	384	..	2.9	12.1
18	9	Merchant Retail	10			
149	98	Morrison (W)	141	-1	0.8	16.5
232	165	Nortlk Peach	188	+2	4.9	9.3
148	89½	Park Foods	118	..	2.5	23.9
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury J	420	+3	3.2	14.8
267½	200½	Tesco	251½	..	4.0	12.6
198	162	Thorntons	178	..	3.5	14.4
422	279	Watson & Philip	378	+1	4.8	15.3

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	36			
248	203	Alldays	211	-1½	3.8	15.7
410	307	Argos Plc	354	+7	2.9	18.8
102	64½	Ashley (Laura)	82	+1	8.2	
357	134	Asprey	148	+2	5.1	7.3
246	176	Austin Reed	235	..	2.8	11.8
168	133	Beattie (J) 'A'	134	..	5.8	17.8
150	110	Bentalls	124	..	2.0	49.0
185	35	Bellwater	50	..	7.0	5.4
48	29	Blacks Leis	38			
264	195½	Body Shop	210	-6	1.3	18.6
601	497	Boots	517	-8	3.7	16.8
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	2½			
283	210	Brown (N)	225	..	2.3	20.0
74½	61	Burton	78½	+½	3.6	33.1
245	153	Caters	153	..	3.3	
304	220	Carpetright	248	+1	3.5	20.8
346	162	Castle Int	185	-1	1.5	26.5
508	368	Church	483	..	3.4	24.0
171	96	Clinton Cards	101	..	1.6	14.7
105	81	City Centerst	91	..	8.9	28.1
983	729	Courts Fashion	770	+15	1.0	39.2
215	155	Crown Eye	160	..	7.4	7.8
317	245	DFS Furniture	262½	..	3.4	
267	170	Dixons Grp	187½	-3	4.4	19.9
580	530	Ely (Wimbldn)	580	..	3.8	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	7½	..	3.2	
284	187	Essex Furn	188	..	3.7	14.5
326	217	Etam	264	..	4.1	13.4
558	432½	Fine Art Dev	432½	-1½		
68	48	Fired Earth	60			
106	74	Flying Flowers	74	..	1.8	14.3
278	124	French Conn	243	..	..	10.5
264	205	Frost Group	230	..	2.9	23.2
68	49	Gievest	60	..	3.1	21.4
135	85	Goldsmiths Grp	135	+2	1.8	24.2
653	524	GUS	574	+3	2.8	16.3
196	164	Hamleys	177	+3	3.3	17.0
31	21	Hampden Grpt	23	..	5.4	66.2
227	178	Hse of Fraser	185	+1½	3.3	16.8
95	69½	Hughes (J)	82	..	3.9	13.6
778	454	Kingfisher	475	-3	3.9	12.5
276	156	Kleeneze	156	..	0.8	34.6
435	325	Liberty	325	-5	1.8	
390	227	Lloyds Chemst	302	..	3.9	9.7
184	126	MFI	143½	+½	3.5	18.8
460½	380	Marks Spencer	410	+2½	2.9	18.2
680	495	Menzies (John)	507	..	2.9	12.2
377	238	Moss Bros	351	..	3.0	13.9
275	214	Next	253	+2	3.3	15.5
59	20	OEM	27			
113	78	Owen (O)	95	+1	..	20.4
37	12	Pentos	18½	-2	4.8	10.5
288	165	QS Hldgs	185	..	2.9	18.7
62	20	Rosso Grp	20	..	3.1	18.0
288	140	Rossfield	140	..	4.2	18.4
132	98	Sears	118½	+1½	4.2	18.8
46	18½	Signet Group	18	+1		
549	427	Storehouse	465	+7	4.1	24.0
1260	738	Somebvs	775	..	3.6	33.4
292	189	Stylo	278½	+1½	2.1	15.4
187½	151½	Syfa	189	+3	2.8	11.4
198	146	T & S Stores	168	+3	4.6	11.9
173	114	Tie Rack	136	..	1.6	18.2
539	384	Vendome	513	..	1.4	39.4
70	30	WEW Group	30½	..	2.9	
93½	52	Wild of Leather	80	..	1.1	
195	138	Wyevale	155	..	2.7	16.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	612	+3	4.5	14.9
459	355	Bulmer (HP)	385	..	3.5	22.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	124	..	5.8	27.3
506	375	Bryant Mist	417	+4	4.0	18.1
542	428	Guinness	469	..	3.5	15.4
457	353	Highland Dist	428	+2	2.1	19.3
222	127	Macallan-Glen	208	..	0.7	54.5
695	365	Macdh Mdn 'A'	675	..	1.8	27.[illegible]
614	515	Matthew Clark	522	..	4.3	12.2
250	88	Mayows W	99	..	3.2	
190	142	Taunton Cider	152	..	5.4	11.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	96	ACT Group	98½	+1	6.7	8.2
743	583	ADT	715	-15		
46	34	Alphameric	42	..	..	32.8
140	60	Asto Sec	78	..	..	59
162	99	BET Ord	106	-2	4.1	15.1
195	115	BNB Resr	182	-2	3.5	21.2
255	175	BPP	218	..	5.1	15.8
186	133	BSM	137	..	5.9	11.7
1½	½	Black & Edg	½			
1100	837½	Bodand	850			
228	159	Brit Data Mgt	181	..	3.7	
79	57	Brooks Service	60	-4	3.5	
117½	87	CRT Gp	87	-1	4.7	21.4
238	158	Capita Group	183	..	2.1	28.8
423	292	Chubb Sec	321	-4	2.4	18.7
228	105	Comply Pecple	228	..	1.4	51.9
85	41	Corp Services	59	..	0.5	22.2
97	48	Coults Cnstig	52½	..	1.0	
275	212	Davis Service	224	-1	4.5	15.0
83	65	Dudley Jenks	67	..	5.1	14.8
154	95	EW Fact	95	..	6.4	7.2
159½	135	El Oro Plc	138	..	1.2	12.8
334	261	Hays	293	-1	2.6	20.8
289	202	Hogg Robinson	202	..	4.4	14.1
39	18	Holmes Protectn	27	..	..	1.6
15	8	Inr Cn & Data	12	..	..	6.1
2698½	1594½	ISS B DKr	1753½	+6½	0.8	1.9
165	129	JBA Hldgst	129	..	2.3	13.1
414	248	Johnson Clean	251	..	5.4	10.2
145	99	Kalamazoo	128	..	3.4	13.6
289	221	Kwik Sys	278	-2	2.2	12.1
35	19	Lase-Scan	19			
143½	68	LBMS	96			
6	4	Lep	4½			
431	266	Logica	298	..	2.1	21.9
264	95	MDIS	133	-1	5.9	9.3
194	143	MMT Comp	159	..	3.4	
218	118	MR Data Mngt	120	..	5.8	
723	423	Mason 4	423	..	5.7	12.3
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1818½	+9½	0.2	
1320	790	Micro Focus	805	+2	..	10.9
178	112	Microgen	112	..	8.1	11.2
548½	425	Mitys	423	..	2.4	
194	141½	Mite Gp	198	+1	1.5	22.2
35	22	Nws Group	22	..	1.1	
69	40	OIS Intl	43	..	9.9	4.5
84	60	P & P	74	+1	3.9	18.4
115	85	Michael Page	105	..	2.7	25.8
143	98	Parity	135	..	2.1	35.2
235	155	Pegasus	155	..	4.0	15.8
115	83	Petrie	84	..	6.0	
89½	60½	Proudfoot	69	..	6.3	11.8
415	290	RCO	330	..	5.8	11.4
58	27	Rallies	38	..	1.2	
169	73	Rent Time	151	+1	3.3	11.5
177	104	Reed Executive	154	..	0.8	
163	105	Reliance Sec	153	..	3.6	
279	199½	Rentokil	226	..	1.6	24.3
194	138	Ricardo Group	145	..	5.2	17.8
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	215	..	2.2	33.4
678	507	Sage Gp	673	+5	2.8	
392	243	Salvesen (C)	264	+1	3.8	
94	77	Sanderson Elec	78	..	4.6	
17½	8	Select Appt	13½			
439	310	Serco Gp	431	-1	1.0	35.8
387	243	Serco Gp	285	..	1.5	28.9
130	75	Shanks Corp	94			
139	93	Shanley	97	-1	4.2	16.1
254	182	Stat-Plan	182	..	6.3	17.3
146	100	Delpaite	21			
31	20½	Vistec	21	..	2.4	11.4
65	37	WSP Hldgs	51	..	4.7	29.9
338	316	Wamer Howd	316	-8	8.1	14.9

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
488	353½	BT	391½	+½	5.6	13.7
432	390	Cable Wireless	399	+5½	2.7	16.2
1543	1146	Securicor	1468	..	0.3	36.3
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	969	+1	0.4	24.0
882	606	Security Serv	786	+4	0.9	25.0
221	157½	Vodafone	215	-6	1.6	28.1

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	84	Albion	87	..	5.7	4.3
230	146	Alexdra Wt	147	..	4.9	16.7
617	488	Allied Tex	510	+3	3.2	15.7
109	90	Atkins	95	..	10.7	30.1
45	31	Autonagic	34	-1		
270	214	Baird (Wm)	216	-1	5.2	18.1
71	38	Beckman (A)	38	..	11.8	
280	233	Black (Peter)	252	..	2.2	18.1
109	74	Brdport-Gndy	108	..	3.7	
187	171	Br Mohair	197	..	5.4	20.2
74	20	Carpad	24			
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	..	4.0	10.9
181	163	Claims Pelgrs	181	..	5.0	33.8
285	292	Claremont Gnt	320	..	2.9	17.8
287	189	Coats Viyella	200½	+½	5.1	17.4
593	451	Courtauld Text	483	-2	3.7	21.7
159½	119	Dawson	133	..	2.8	
143	97½	Desitext (J)	129½	+3½	7.6	18.3
82	32	Dobie Hoet	34	..	5.1	10.8
42	26	Drummond	28	..	..	12.5
25	15	Ebbel	16	-1		
80	72	Faupel	74	..	8.3	12.5
155	136	Forminster	148	..	2.7	
28	18	Foster (John)	18			
126	94	Fonnds (Tomes)	95	..	4.8	18.8
82	48	Gaol SR	77	-2	3.7	
113	73	Haggart	89	..	4.2	
78½	11	Halstone	12½	+½	3.2	
33	22½	Helene Pict	27½	..	9.1	11.3
263	222	Hicking Pelcst	231	..	2.5	18.4
91	84	Honeyesurie	89	-2	5.8	
98	48	Horace Small	88			
211	173	Jacques Vert	187	..	3.8	16.5
73	65	Jerome (S)	59	..	1.7	7.3
368	285	Jones Stroud	353	..	3.2	16.9
202½	132	Lambert	134	..	6.4	12.7
485	333	Lamont	361	+1	4.4	12.8
348	265	Leeds	270	..	2.7	14.2
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66	..	7.5	13.9
101	68	Lyles (S)	82	-1	5.5	8.3
26½	18½	Marling	25½	+½	3.2	45.7
17	11	PEX	11	-1		
288	168	Parkland	168	..	3.8	9.9
123	84	Parkland 'A'	90	..	3.8	10.8
75	58	Pitlands	65	..	3.4	
112	72½	Readicut	72½	-1½	5.9	12.4
90	72	Renmore	74	..	4.8	7.7
95	43	Richards	43	..	8.7	
70	43	SEET	46	-1		
180	87	Sherwood Gpt	87	..	4.4	10.1
180	137½	Shiloh	148	..	3.9	9.8
146	98	Sirdar	98	..	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	57	..	4.2	15.8
28	19	Strong & Fisher	20	..	6.8	13.7
68	47	UK Safety	47	..	8.8	11.5
132	105	Usher (Frank)	119	-1	7.4	9.1
54	34	Vivat	39	..	4.9	16.1
108	42	Wassani	104	..	3.5	15.1
288	238	Yorklyde	257	..	3.8	11.8

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	68	Air London	83	..	6.9	12.0
777½	615½	Air Nippon Air	705	-2½	0.5	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	275	+2	2.2	21.9
541½	440	BAA	499	+2	2.3	18.4
128	103½	Bridgepoint	121	..	4.2	
498½	344	Br Airways	386	+12½	3.7	10.3
108	75	Clarkson (H)	85	..	2.3	23.9
178	140	Dart	168	..	2.8	10.8
582½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	272	-12		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	440	..	2.2	20.6
231	156	GRT Bus	239	..	2.1	17.8
301	113	Go-Ahead	160	..	3.1	19.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	161	+3	3.9	15.0
165	125½	IoM Steam	138	..	4.0	16.5
71	38	Jacobs (J)	68	..	3.6	
111	82	Lon O'Seas Fds	83	..	5.8	1.9
459	380	Mersey Docks	381	..	3.1	18.9
291	157	MFCL	177	-2	5.0	22.2
347	245	Nat Express	266	+3	3.1	17.7
348	244	Ocean Group	258	+3	7.0	12.9
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	63	..	5.5	8.1
743	587	P & O Dfd	641	+4	5.8	19.8
292	153	P & O 5.5%	207	..	3.3	
112	84	Seacon	98	+2	3.8	22.3
270	158	Stagecoach	216	..	2.4	21.6
131	93½	TNT	114	-3		
815	703	Tibbet & Britn	725	..	2.5	18.8
79	27	Tiphook	40	+1		
327	197	TDG	238	+3	5.4	14.6
136	98	Uigenz	125	..	2.4	
160	95	Utd Carriers	95	..	2.1	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	505	-1	5.8	11.4
365	299	Mid Kent Hlgs	313	-2	4.6	16.6
611	454	North West	580	+10	5.1	8.4
643	508	Northumbrian	726	+17	4.5	7.2
845	457	Severn Trent	575	+12	4.9	..
1900	1525	South Staffs	1795	..	3.6	7.2
676	405	South West	513	+5	8.2	7.6
682	488	Southern	592	+10	4.8	8.7
611	434½	Thames	509½	+2½	5.8	7.5
744	546	Welsh	721	+9	4.7	7.4
329½	276½	Wessex	321	+9	4.6	6.5
630	456	Yorkshire	543	+8	5.2	8.0

Source: Finstat

© Unit; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	[illegible]		9.99	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.87	5.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	[illegible]		3.04	5.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	[illegible]		10.00	6.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	[illegible]		12.05	6.56
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.98	6.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.72	7.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.22	7.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.58	7.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.97	7.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.96	7.84
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.60	8.05
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.75	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	[illegible]	9.38	8.26
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.46	8.34
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.06	9.26
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.99	8.40
[illegible]	122	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.56	8.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.72	8.42
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.16	8.40
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.83	8.48
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.77	8.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.61	9.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.59	8.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.82	8.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.91	9.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.41	8.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.61	8.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.22	8.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.31	8.63
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.28	8.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.21	8.84
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.72	7.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.99	8.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.66	8.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.95	8.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.26	8.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.23	8.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.36	8.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116	[illegible]	10.13	8.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.54	8.56
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.50	8.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.69	8.58
LONGS (over 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.37	8.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.65	8.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.62	8.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.41	8.30
[illegible]	92	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.36	8.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.32	8.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.49	8.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.16	8.66
UNDATED						
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.44	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.55	
INDEX-LINKED						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.82	4.22
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]		2.96	3.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.43	3.82
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.59	3.84
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.55	3.45
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.80	3.83
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.85	3.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.88	3.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	[illegible]	3.69	3.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.71	3.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.74	3.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.72	3.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.79	3.88

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Small investors drive Renault to £95m gain

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

PRIVATE investors rushed to buy shares in Renault, the carmaker, yesterday, but there was less enthusiasm than there had been for earlier big sell-offs in France. Edmond Alphandéry, Economy Minister, said that the retail offer had been 1.4 times oversubscribed and the sale of a minority stake would raise Fr7.95 billion (£95 million).

Workers at Renault, a former bastion of union power, oversubscribed their part 1.45 times. Institutional investors had already oversubscribed their limited part 15.5 times. M Alphandéry said the results were "remarkable". He added that the oversubscription was smaller than in previous privatisations because the state was keeping a majority stake. That had "dampened" interest. Renault will be quoted on the Paris bourse from today.

The government has reduced its stake in Renault to 51 per cent, from 79 per cent. Volvo, of Sweden, put an 8 per cent stake up for sale yesterday, while keeping 12 per cent of the holding it bought before its plans to merge with Renault failed. Renault raised Fr2 billion in fresh capital yesterday.

M Alphandéry said the government had no plans to sell its controlling interest in Renault. "The privatisation of Renault is not on the agenda," he said. "Renault is a state company and will remain a state company. The privatisation of Renault is not among the government's objectives."

The retail offer attracted 1.092 million shareholders and the total amount of shares demanded were worth Fr8.6 billion.

The operation valued Renault at about Fr40 billion. Retail investors will pay Fr165 a share, while institutional investors paid Fr176.

Of the 27.9 million shares placed, 30.9 per cent went to French investors, 10.6 per cent to American investors and 58.5 per cent to the rest of the world.

Elf Aquitaine, the oil group, and Lagardere Groupe, with interests ranging from missiles to publishing, have each bought a 1.5 per cent stake, while BNP, the banking group, and Rhône Poulenc, the chemical group, took 1 per cent.

Louis Schweitzer, chairman of Renault, declined to give new profit forecasts for the carmaker. Asked what this year's profits would be, he replied that the company had given no forecast since before the start of the public offer, when Renault said that 1994 profits would be sharply higher than they had been in 1993 and, with shareholders' approval, so would the dividend. M Schweitzer said the carmaker expected to study a number of minor partnerships arrangements over the next few months but had no plans for a large tie-up. He said: "Let me make clear that's 'partnerships' and not a search for a big marriage."

Building plans will hit Land Securities

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE cost of a massive building programme will hit profits at Land Securities, Britain's largest property investment company.

The real estate group plans to spend about £350 million over the next two to three years on new buildings and refurbishments aimed at boosting income in a flat rental market. However, the cost of financing the construction programme will reduce profits short term.

Land Securities has started work on 600,000 sq ft of offices in the City of London, the West End and Victoria in an attempt to upgrade the quality of its London office stock. Construction is due to start next year on the White Rose Centre in Leeds, a 600,000 sq ft shopping centre, and more retail and industrial projects are on the way throughout the country.

Peter Hunt, chairman, yesterday reported a rise in profits for the half year from £116 million to £118.9 million but repeated his warning in May that the potential for increasing profits was limited until rental growth returned.

"Furthermore, our commitment to development expenditure will have an adverse impact on revenue profit in the short term," he added. "It will be difficult to generate a revenue profit for the second half of the year to match that achieved in the first half."

Inspite of the flat profits trend, Land Securities is paying an increased interim dividend of 6.85p, up 3.8 per cent on the half year to September 30 1993. Jim Murray, finance director, said the company was prepared to reduce the dividend cover if necessary. "We have got no fixed level of dividend cover," he said, pointing to a level of 1.25 times at the peak of the market compared with last year's cover of 1.48 times.

Mr Hunt said there were signs of improvement in the London office market, principally by way of reduction in the length of rent-free periods and other incentives to tenants. Having spent more than £600 million on acquiring property since 1990, the company is stepping back from a hotter investment market, Mr Hunt said. "Similar investment opportunities are now scarce."

The development programme will be funded from existing resources, borrowings and property sales, including Milton Gate and Leith House, in the City. Central London schemes are going ahead on a largely speculative basis, with only 45 per cent pre-let, but retail schemes will depend on substantial prelettings. Mr Murray explained that Land Securities does not capitalise interest on developments, so the full cost of funding the construction and letting will begin to hit the profit and loss account next year. Profits are not expected to have a significant impact until the 1997-8 financial year.

Mr Hunt said the group had the financial strength to fund the programme.

Net rental income rose from £192 million to £198.5 million and the void rate in the portfolio has fallen from 2.8 per cent to 2.4 per cent of the rent roll.

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BARRY GREENWOOD



Oliver Chapple, left, Volex chief executive, Ken Hooper, finance director, and Frank Kennedy, managing director

European Bank recovers helped by strict budgeting

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), heavily criticised in the past for its lax financial controls and lavish spending, chalked up a profit of 3.67 million ecu (£2.86 million) in the third quarter this year.

The bank, set up in 1991 to help to transform the former Soviet bloc to market economics, had shown a loss of 6.06 million ecu, after provisions, in the second quarter.

In a report issued yesterday, the EBRD, whose controversial first president, Jacques Attali, was replaced last year by a fellow Frenchman, Jacques de Larosière, attributed its third-quarter profit to better results from banking operations, stringent budget discipline and active and prudent management of liquid assets. M de Larosière, formerly governor of the French central bank and ex-head of the International Monetary Fund, has curbed spending and restructured the EBRD's operations since taking the helm in October last year. Although his strict economies have prompted criticism that he has demoralised many of the staff at the bank's City headquarters, they have delivered a profit that will please many of the bank's backer governments.

The third-quarter profit reduced the loss for the first nine months this year to 2.45 million ecu, after provisions, which compared with a 23 million ecu loss at the same stage last year. Bank officials expect the EBRD to reach around break-even for the whole of 1994, despite higher administrative costs arising from increased deal signings and disbursements in the run-up to the end of the year.

The EBRD said disbursements have been lower than last year, but that its commitments to projects was on target. By the end of the third quarter, it had signed up 49 projects.

Operating income reached 46.4 million ecu in the third quarter, a rise of 11 million ecu compared with the second quarter. Income for the first nine months was, however, more than 20 million ecu lower than at the same stage last year, at 140 million ecu.

The bank saw losses from debt securities rise sharply in in the third quarter, reflecting general developments in international markets, but it continued to earn relatively high income from substantial liquid assets.

Volex faces strong price competition

VOLEX Group, the international interconnect products and cable assemblies company, said that continuing growth in most of its markets was accompanied by strong price competition (Martin Barrow writes).

Bill Goodall, chairman, said that Volex continued to focus on improving its manufacturing and purchasing efficiencies, a process that had taken on added urgency after significant increases in polymer and copper prices.

In the half year to September 30, pre-tax profits rose to £5.8 million, from £4.8 million, with earnings per share rising to 14.1p (10.5p). A 6.7p interim dividend, up from 6.5p, is due on February 6.

Turnover rose by 7.8 per cent to £78.1 million, from £72.5 million. Operating profits were up by 12.8 per cent at £5.4 million (£4.8 million).

In Britain, Pencon, a subsidiary, benefited from legislation requiring that domestic appliances be sold with fitted plugs.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EC eases rules over state aid to airlines

NEIL Kinnock will inherit a confused policy on state aid for airlines when he assumes his new role as European transport commissioner, after a decision by the European Commission yesterday to endorse a more lenient state aid code for airlines. The new code would allow governments to prop up national airlines "in exceptional, unforeseen circumstances outside the control of the company".

This loose interpretation has already given rise to a disagreement between two commissioners. Marcelino Orega, the outgoing transport commissioner, yesterday told a news conference that wars and currency devaluations would count as circumstances of exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. This interpretation was later disputed by a spokesman for Karel van Miert, competition commissioner, who said state aid cannot be justified on grounds of devaluation. The new policy comes amid expectations that Iberia, the Spanish state airline, may soon submit a 1 billion ecu (£800 million) rescue plan involving state aid from the Spanish government to cover the airline's accumulated losses.

Young's beer promise

YOUNG & Co's Brewery, the London brewer, promised to cut the price of beer immediately if excise duty is reduced in the Budget on November 29, with a team ready to tell licensees to cut prices. If duty is increased, prices would stay unchanged until stocks were exhausted, said John Young, chairman. Young blamed beer imports from France, to avoid high UK duty, for a 13 per cent drop in pre-tax profits, to £2.24 million, from £2.58 million, for the half year to October 1 on turnover of £36.4 million (£36.1 million). The interim dividend is held at 7.25p, from earnings per share of 11.34p (12.52p).

VTR increases payout

VTR, the television production facilities company that raised almost £3 million with a rights issue in May, has increased dividend payments for the year to August 31 by 6.67 per cent with a final payout of 2.55p, making 4p. During the period, pre-tax profits rose to £1.3 million, from £884,144, and earnings per share reached 10.5p, from 7.3p. The shares fell 3p to 125p, unchanged from May's rights issue. Video Tape Recording, the subsidiary specialising in post production of television commercials, contributed profits of £1.36 million, up 46 per cent. Projects included commercials for Foster's and Martini.

Grey trade in TeleWest

THE London Stock Exchange is to allow a grey market in the shares of TeleWest from November 22, when the issue is priced, until November 30, when full dealings in the shares begin. The Exchange said it would allow shares in the cable television company to trade on a "when issued" basis to coincide with dealings in the shares on the same basis in New York when TeleWest's registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission takes effect. TeleWest is jointly owned by US West and Tele-Communications Inc and is expected to be valued at up to £1.86 billion when floated.

WMGO optimistic

WMGO Group, the corporate and marketing communications company headed by Bob Morton, the financier, expects good progress for the remainder of its year after reporting a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £254,000, in the six months to August 31. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, jumped by 74 per cent, to £9.09 million. Mr Morton said: "Income for the second half will be substantially higher than the first half, and ahead of the same period last year." Earnings per share dipped to 0.36p (0.46p). There is an interim dividend of 0.5p (nil). Brokers are looking for full-year profits of £2.2 million.

Channel's good tidings

CHANNEL Holdings, the security products group, made pre-tax profits of £902,000 (£808,000) in the half-year to September 30 on a turnover of £8.67 million, up from £7.66 million last time. The results included a maiden contribution from Shawley Antony, acquired in July and, the company said, performing well. Earnings improved to 1.8p a share, from 1.7p, and the interim dividend is being raised to 0.55p a share, from 0.5p. Philip Ling, chairman, was optimistic that the group would report further progress in the current financial year. But Channel shares fell 6p to 46p.

CSI in cash call to fund acquisition

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

CANNON Street Investments, the mini-conglomerate whose shares fell 40 per cent after disappointing interim results last month, unveiled a £16 million acquisition yesterday, to be funded through a one-for-one rights issue.

The company also proposed the restructuring of its share capital and a new name, Saltire, as it tries to break away from its recent problems.

CSI proposes to acquire Maplin Electronics, a distributor and retailer of electronic components and consumer electronic equipment. The acquisition will be funded by a rights issue of new shares at 12p each, against yesterday's closing price of 13p, underwritten by Samuel Montagu.

For the past two years Tom Long, the new chairman, and David Smith, chief executive, a former head of the Gateway parent company Isosceles, have concentrated on the survival of the industrial holding company, which plunged into the red by £116 million in 1992. Businesses were sold or closed, debt was cut and assets written down to a more realistic value as the company focused on one activity, distributing electronic products.

Maplin distributes through retail outlets and consumer and trade mail order and has seen sales grow steadily to £14.6 million in the year to the end of last June.

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Garry Weston
Chairman

SUMMARY OF RESULTS (All stated in accordance with FRS3)	52 weeks to 17 Sept. 1994 £ millions	53 weeks to 18 Sept. 1993 £ millions
Turnover	4,478	4,386
Operating Profit	306	273
Profit before taxation	324	338
Profit attributable to the company	255	228
Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	2,090	1,878
Interim dividends per share	16.0p	15.0p

The above figures relate to the ongoing business and are an extract from the annual report and accounts, sent to shareholders on 16th November, 1994.

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Driver 'misled' into pleading guilty

Regina v Burton upon Trent Magistrates Court, Ex parte Woolley

Before Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Buxton

[Judgment November 11]

A police constable was not obliged to tell an injured driver in hospital why a specimen of breath could not be taken. However, at some stage during the process at the hospital the constable had to ask the driver whether there was any reason why a specimen of blood should not be taken. There was no obligation for the constable to ask specifically whether there was any such reason based on medical grounds.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an application brought by the defendant, Philip John Woolley, for judicial review of his conviction, following a guilty plea, at Burton upon Trent Magistrates Court on July 26, 1994 of driving a motor vehicle when the proportion of alcohol in his blood exceeded the statutory limit, contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 for which he was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

Mr Morris Cooper for the defendant; Mr John McGuinness for the prosecution; Miss Clare Montgomery as *amicus curiae*.

MR JUSTICE BUXTON said that the court was obliged to revisit two issues of recurring difficulty:

1 The procedure to be followed at one particular stage of a breath-alyser investigation and the implications of failure to follow that procedure; and

2 The limits of the jurisdiction of the Divisional Court to quash a conviction entered in a magistrates' court on a guilty plea.

Following Mr Woolley's conviction, the Crown Prosecution Service wrote to his solicitors saying that their client had not been asked whether there was any reason why a blood specimen could not be taken by a doctor. In accordance with the judgment of *Williams v DPP* ([1994] RTR 241, 261) and *DPP v Warren* ([1993] AC 319), that was a deficiency which should not allow the conviction to stand. "Accordingly, should your client wish to appeal the conviction for excess alcohol to the crown court ... the prosecution will not resist any such appeal."

In so writing the CPS appeared to have relied on that part of the judgment in *Williams* that had held that where there had been a failure to observe the required procedure in seeking a blood specimen from a driver in hospital, any sample obtained was inadmissible in evidence, and thus agreed that, since the only evidence on which they would have relied if the matter had been contested would have been inadmissible, Mr Woolley had been wrong to, and indeed misled into pleading guilty.

There was, however, a substantial difficulty with the suggestion that a conviction to which that perceived defect applied might be appealed to the crown court, since by section 108(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 such appeal lay against conviction only if the defendant had pleaded not guilty in the magistrates' court.

Thus, Mr Woolley applied for *certiorari* to quash his conviction, on the ground that the intended reliance by the prosecutor on evidence that, without bad faith, he should none the less have known was inadmissible constituted unfairness in the conduct of the proceedings sufficient to vitiate the process leading to conviction, and thus justified the intervention of the Divisional Court under the jurisdiction recognised in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Al-Mehdawi* ([1990] 1 AC 876) and *R,v Bolton Justices, Ex parte Scully* ([1991] 1 QB 537).

The case required their Lordships to look again at the authoritative ruling of the House of Lords in *Warren*, as applied by the Divisional Court in *Williams*. *Warren* was not a "hospital" case and Lord Bridge did not there specifically address the particular requirements that existed in such cases. The court in *Williams* clearly saw itself as applying the general requirements identified by Lord Bridge to the example of hospital cases, without seeking to add of its own motion to the elements found within Lord Bridge's speech.

*In argument before their Lord*ships, only one aspect of the defendant's complaints was seriously pursued: that the requirement that the driver be asked whether there were any reasons why a specimen could not be taken, the medical question, had not been asked after the constable had decided to require a specimen of blood.

The questions that the court had to consider were:

1 *Did* a specific medical question have to be put to the driver?

2 If so, in what terms did it have to be expressed?

3 If a question had to be put, when?

In his Lordship's judgment, in hospital cases, there was no obligation for the constable to inform the driver why a specimen of breath could not be taken but at some stage during the process at the hospital the constable had to ask the driver whether there was any reason why a specimen of blood should not be taken. There was no obligation for the constable to ask specifically whether there was any such reason based on medical grounds.

In so holding his Lordship was well aware, and was troubled by the fact, that he was adopting a view different from that urged by the DPP and one which might be said to be in some, limited, respects more favourable to prosecutors than the position for which the DPP contended.

However, Mr McGuinness had told their Lordships that the principal desire of the CPS was that the procedural requirements should be certain, which was why the DPP did not seek to disturb the law in *Williams*.

His Lordship well appreciated those considerations but did not feel able to allow them to prevail in the face of arguments that the DPP's view of the required procedure was not justified by the 1988 Act and the elucidation of the requirements of that Act by the House of Lords in *Warren*.

In the present case, the questions asked and information given by the constable contained all the information that was required to be given.

It followed that the requirements of the 1988 Act were observed, that the evidence of the specimen would have been admissible if Mr Woolley had contested the charge and therefore the application had to be dismissed because its fundamental premise was incorrect.

However, since his Lordship's view was different from that urged by the DPP, his Lordship would go on and consider the issues of law relating to the relief sought on the assumption, contrary to the finding, that the criticisms of the procedure in the case were justified.

His Lordship ventured to draw the following conclusions from *Al-Mehdawi*

1 Where complaint was made of the conduct of judicial proceedings, the court's jurisdiction to intervene to quash a decision by way of certiorari was not limited to cases of error by the tribunal, but could also be founded on conduct on the part of the prosecutor.

2 The jurisdiction was *sui generis, in the sense that it could not be*, or at least did not have to be, forced under any of the three heads of judicial review recognised by Lord Diplock in *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374, 410). In that respect, the jurisdiction recognised in *Al-Mehdawi* could represent an extension of the categories of judicial review that were identified in *CCSU*.

3 The jurisdiction was of a limited nature and there was no authority for recognising it as extending beyond conduct on the part of the prosecutor that could be fairly categorised as being analogous to fraud.

4 It was possible for conduct to be so categorised where there was no actual fraud or dishonesty. That was Lord Bridge's analysis in *Al-Mehdawi* of *Ex parte Hawthorn* ([1979] QB 283) and also the view of the Divisional Court in *Scully*.

5 Whether the conduct could be so categorised was a matter of judgment for the court seised of the case, looking at all the facts.

6 There was no separate rule or subcategory applying to cases where the applicant's advisers were alleged to have been at fault. Whether the result complained of had been contributed to by the applicant or his advisers in any significant way was to be taken into account as one of the facts involved in deciding whether the result had been caused by conduct on the part of the prosecution, and whether in all the circumstances that conduct could be categorised as analogous to fraud.

His Lordship did not consider the alleged error in the present case, and the prosecution's failure to inform the defence of it, could reasonably be characterised as analogous to fraud, in the same sense in which that expression was used in *Al-Mehdawi*. Thus, the court had no jurisdiction to entertain the application.

Lord Justice Beldam delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Ormsby Mills, Burton upon Trent; Crown Prosecution Service, South Staffordshire; Treasury Solicitor.

Basement under property next door renders dwelling not a house

Duke of Westminster and Others v Birrane

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment November 10]

A leasehold mews property that was converted to incorporate a basement area that lay beneath the rear part of an adjoining property was not a "house" for the purposes of enfranchisement under the Leasehold Reform Act 1967.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing an appeal by the landlord, the trustees of the will of the second Duke of Westminster, from the judgment of Judge Rich, QC, at Central London County Court on July 16, 1993 in which he had declared in favour of the tenant, Mr Martin Birrane, that the premises at 2 Kinnerton St, Westminster, excluding the basement area that lay below the rear part of 2 Wilton Crescent, was a house for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of the 1967 Act.

Section 1(1) of the Act confers on "a tenant of a leasehold house, occupying the house as his residence, a right to acquire on fair terms the freehold or an extended lease..."

Section 2(1) defines "house" as including "any building designed or adapted for living in and reasonably so called, notwithstanding that the building is not structurally detached..."

Section 2(2) provides that references "to a house do not apply to a house which is not structurally detached and of which a material part lies above or below a part of the structure not comprised in the house".

Mr Robert Reid, QC, for the landlord; Mr Paul Morgan, QC, for the tenant.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the appeal raised two questions:

1 What was the "house" within section 2(1) of the 1967 Act, and

2 If part of it lay below a part of the structure not comprised in it, was that a "material" part of the house within section 2(2).

The authorities on each question were in an unsatisfactory state.

The main part of 2 Kinnerton St consisted of a three-floored structure: it had been converted to incorporate a basement area of some 140 square feet that lay beneath the rear part of 2 Wilton Crescent. The only access to that area was from the main part of 2 Kinnerton St.

The tenant in 1984 had adapted the area to provide a bedroom and bathroom but by 1990 had abandoned its use as part of his residence because of flooding problems.

The judge, deciding both questions in the tenant's favour, held (i) that the "house" within section 2(1) was the main part of 2 Kinnerton St and did not include the basement area and (ii) even if it did, the part that lay under the rear of 2 Wilton Crescent was not a "material" part within section 2(2).

In construing the provisions it was important to distinguish between section 1(1) which conferred the right of acquisition and section 2(1) by which the building to be acquired was identified.

Authority apart, it would appear clear that the requirement that the tenant should occupy the house as his residence ought not to have any influence on its identification.

However in *Peck v Anicar Properties Ltd* ([1971] 1 All ER 517, 519) Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had said that "one must look at three things to find what is the "house": (i) the lease itself; (ii) the portion occupied as a residence; and (iii) the physical condition of the structure."

But by not distinguishing between sections 1(1) and 2(1) Lord Denning had brought into the identification two largely irrelevant matters. Section 2(1) did not require either the lease or the portion occupied as a residence to be taken into account.

The correct approach to the construction of sections 1(1) and 2(1) was as follows: the first requirement of section 1(1) was that there should be a leasehold house held by the tenant.

To find out whether that requirement was satisfied you went straight to section 2(1) which invited you to identify a building held by the tenant and designed or adapted for living in; it need not be structurally detached, nor solely designed or adapted for living in.

If and when you had identified such a building you had to consider whether it was reasonable to call it a house. If it was then you went back to the other requirements of section 1(1) and considered next whether the tenant was occupying the building as his residence. You did not consider that question unless and until the requirements of section 2(1) were satisfied.

Here the building held by the tenant which was designed or adapted for living in was the whole of 2 Kinnerton St including the basement area.

The use which the tenant had or had not made of the basement area was beside the point. It was and had at all material times been a part of a building held by the tenant which was designed or adapted for living in.

Thus the second question had to be considered. If the house fell within section 2(2) it was excluded from the operation of the Act and the tenant had no right to enfranchise it. Was the part of the basement area which lay below 2 Wilton Crescent a "material" part of 2 Kinnerton St?

The primary purpose of that provision had to be the exclusion from the operation of the Act of houses in respect of which the inability of one freehold owner to enforce positive obligations against successors in title of the other would be likely to prejudice the enjoyment of the house or another part of the structure.

Although the question of materiality was one of fact and degree on which the judge's view was of prime importance, the test he had to apply was a matter of law on which it might be necessary, as it was here, for an appellate court to express a view.

Neither of the tests that had been suggested by Lord Denning and by Lord Justice Stephenson in *Parsons v Trustees of Henry Smith's Charity* ([1973] 1 WLR 845, 849, 854) was wholly satisfactory.

To be a "material part" the basement area had to be of sufficient substance or significance to have an effect of some kind. What might that effect be?

Bearing in mind the primary purpose of section 2(2) it had to be prejudice to the enjoyment of the house or another part of the structure caused by enfranchisement, in particular by reason of the inability of one freehold owner to enforce positive obligations against successors in title of the other.

That test might be found to exclude from the operation of the Act houses of which little more than a trivial part lay above or below a part of the structure not comprised in it.

If it was applied to the basement area in the present case it was obvious that that area was a material part of 2 Kinnerton St.

Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Saville agreed.

Solicitors: Boodle Hatfield; Jeffrey Green Russell.

Building not redundant due to enforcement notice

Bruce v Secretary of State for the Environment

The service of an enforcement notice on a building to stop its use in breach of planning control did not render the building redundant and, therefore, the owner of the building could not rely on government policy on the re-use of redundant buildings in the green belt.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Millett) so held on October 25 dismissing Francis Bruce's appeal against the decision of Mr David Keene, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, on November 29, 1993 to dismiss an appeal against a planning inspector's decision to uphold two enforcement notices served under section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by the London Borough of Havering in relation to land within the green belt owned by the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the appellant had argued that if the enforcement notices were upheld, and the activities to which they related had to cease, the buildings on his land would be redundant and, therefore, the policy towards the re-use of redundant buildings had to apply.

In his Lordship's judgment, a redundant building was one for whose design or use there was no longer a need, common examples included many agricultural buildings and textile mills. A building, of which use had ceased not because there was no need for it but as a result of an enforcement notice, was not a redundant building.

Control over lists

Metcalf v Bedfordshire County Council

Judges in the county court must have control over their lists and must when exercising their discretion be paramount in matters regarding adjournments of cases.

But it was wrong for a judge to refuse to grant an adjournment of a case when discovery was thought to be incomplete, an expert witness was unable to attend and when both parties consented to the adjournment.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Rose) so held in the Court of Appeal on October 18, when reversing the refusal by Judge Martin, QC, in Clerkenwell County Court on October 17 of an application by Bedfordshire County Council for an adjournment of a personal injury claim brought by Mr D. J. Metcalf.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the circumstances of the case, due for hearing in the county court the next day, were unusual and unfortunate.

The plaintiff's consent to the adjournment, despite repeated requests, had only been recently forthcoming.

Having regard to the three matters raised in the application the judge should as a matter of principle have granted the application. The trial was adjourned for a date to be fixed.

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A fairer view of loss relief

BY PAUL MORRIS

DURING the past two centuries, a patchwork system for the taxation of profits, income and gains has evolved in the United Kingdom.

The tax system has now reached such a level of complexity and volume that it is in imminent danger of becoming unworkable, if not incomprehensible.

The volume of work has arisen, however, not only from a question of style, anti-avoidance measures and a plethora of diverse pieces of legislation, but also from the introduction of major new tax schemes.

This growing mountain of legislation is built on a very elderly basic framework of taxation known as the schedular system.

With this in mind, different organisations — political and fiscal — are considering what should be done to reform the whole system. I will consider just one aspect here which might be the subject of urgent reform.

The schedular system is one of the main roots of our difficulties. Different classes of income are dealt with under quite separate rules for computation and assessment and often the twain do not meet.

This is a costly administrative business in itself but the separateness of the sets of rules can have very expensive direct tax costs for the taxpayer. The most glaring of these relates to the inability to offset brought-forward losses from one class of income (or even source) against the profits, income or capital gains of another.

The result of this is that taxpayers in this predicament can end up paying a much higher effective rate of tax on their global *net* profits than they would if they were exclusively profitable.

For instance, different trades carried on by the same company are treated as different sources for tax purposes. Losses made by a taxpayer in a particular trade cannot be used in future years except against profits of the same loss-making trade.

Such profits would not include capital gains made in respect of assets which had been used in that trade.

It could be, for example, that in order to make a loss-making trade viable, the owner company decides to release much-needed cash by selling a valuable property which it occupies.

This might create a taxable capital gain. Prior-year losses of the trade could not be used to shelter the capital gain on the sale of the property, and the consequent tax bill on the capital gain would reduce the cash available to rebuild the ailing business.

Any future capital losses of the company could not be carried back to relieve this chargeable gain.



Paul Morris says full loss relief could be implemented soon

The best way to simplify taxation in the United Kingdom would be to replace, in part, the schedular system with a global tax system.

Among many other things, this would allow all losses to be relieved against a particular taxpayer's profits before they pay tax.

In the case of groups of companies, each company is treated as a separate taxpayer. There are extensive tax rules for transactions within a group and financing and relief for losses and advance corporation tax suffered.

If it were possible for UK group members to elect to be treated as one single taxpayer for United Kingdom purposes, then whole rafts of legislation and potential difficulty in settling their tax affairs would be bypassed, thus simplifying matters greatly.

On the matter of full relief for losses before taxation, it must be right for a group to be able to relieve all of its losses — from whatever class or source of income.

Tax reform is urgently needed, but it would require time for full consideration. The full utilisation of losses is something that could be provided for as early as the forthcoming Budget.

It might be argued that giving relief for total losses against profits would mean the Government having to increase the official rates of corporation tax and income tax.

The need to increase the official rate would only recognise the fact that the rate of tax at present suffered by taxpayers would be equal to any increased official rate, as it would be the level of unutilised losses that presently enables the Government to keep the current official rates down.

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Institute keeping the sunshine out

IN JULY 1992, the English ICA issued an enthusiastic press release, *The Institute lets the sunshine in.* It was going to throw the doors of its previously secret council sessions open to ordinary members, press and public, from October of that year.

The president, Ian Plaistowe, was quoted extensively. "I hope that by doing so, council will be able to demonstrate publicly," he said, "that the institute's primary role, as it always has been, is to act in the public interest. I believe the result should be to strengthen confidence in self-regulation by the profession."

As you might have suspected on reading such guff at the time, Plaistowe was spouting hogwash. This month's council meeting, two years after the first open session, was deemed to be dealing with matters so secret that nobody but council members could be admitted to any part of its deliberations. Openness had come to an end.

Actually that is marginally unfair. In theory, any member of the institute, press, public or even Austin Mitchell MP could have turned up. They would have been allowed to hear the minutes of the previous month's meeting read and then they would have been turfed out. The institute's openness policy, like so many of its policies, has faltered and expired.



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The institute has devised some extraordinary methods of shooting itself in the foot over the years, but this one, at a time when it is constantly belly-aching to government about its commitment to the public interest, is by far the most spectacular.

When I put it to Andrew Colquhoun, the institute's chief executive, that it seemed extraordinary that no one had sought to avoid such a gaffe by producing at least something to discuss which related to the public interest, he blustered. The gist of his excuse was that the very idea of changing the agenda just to enable part of the meeting to be held in public, shocked him deeply.

So, forsaking the accountancy profession, I went last week to the Law Society's monthly council meeting. I can report that, by comparison, this was a meeting of grown-ups, and they were discussing, in a relaxed and determined way, items which were, by and large, of public interest.

Even Tony Girling's spirited explanation of the plans to celebrate next year's 150th anniversary of the granting of the society's charter was a joy to hear — particularly when he announced that it proposed to ditch any idea of commemorative mugs.

However, the shock of the meeting was that it lasted about the same length as that of the average English ICA council meeting. It started at 9.30 am and at 10.10 am the press was asked to leave. This caused genuine surprise. Having done my research I had set aside most of the morning. I had been warned that the open sessions of the meeting generally lasted from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm. The closed session of the meeting usually lasted a further half hour.

People apologised. After the meeting they expressed great regret that the debate, on conveyancing, had not been in public, and the Law Society issued a press release stating what had been discussed and decided.

This sort of behaviour would not have gone down well at the English ICA. If the open section has limped only to the half-hour mark before the press are ejected, there are smug smiles all round. Once again the council has triumphed and can get down to the real business behind closed doors. The idea of admitting the debate should have been in public is unthinkable — but thinking is not a strong point at the English ICA council.

Meanwhile, the Law Society is trying to ratify a plan to provide its office-holders' employers with compensation for losing their earning-power during their year of office.

Needless to say, the English ICA is having none of such nonsense. Strangling an idea at birth is about the only instinctive strategy it possesses. No wonder, as one senior member of the Law Society said to me, the English ICA council's decisions are "met with considerable derision".

The answer, of course, would be for the institute's council to behave in a way which suggested it felt the institute was a worthwhile professional body. It should copy the Law Society and have the entire meeting open to the press and public except for an extremely short time when something like staff pay rises are discussed.

And if it claims it cannot do that because it is discussing nothing which relates to the public interest, you really wonder what the members are doing there in the first place.

Sympathy at the Savoy

THE accountancy profession is still trying to ignore the fact that its current proposals to help bring about the integration of the various accounting bodies has collapsed. The amiable David Bishop, who will go to the grave wishing that he had never allowed his name to be put to the ill-fated report on how integration should be implemented, is still trying. He has been hard at work breakfasting the various bodies' chief executives on an individual basis in the hope that he can find some common ground. The hot news is that he has. They all seem very much to enjoy taking breakfast at the Savoy.

Spreading shock

SIR David Tweedie, the chairman of the Accounting Standards Board, had something of a shock at the awards dinner to celebrate 25 years of the *Accountancy Age* newspaper last week. Unfortunately, his description in the programme had him down as from the Accounting Standards Boar. He thought that this matched his image of standing his ground and forcing through tough rules on financial reporting. Sadly, many of the finance directors present suggested that it meant that he was some sort of pate which they could spread on toast and eat for breakfast.

Nuts

AS Bob Monkhouse, the comedian, was presenting the award for the Large Firm of the Year at the *Accountancy Age* awards, he started musing mischievously on the name of the winner. "KPMG", he said. "Who would call a firm after a bag of peanuts and a sports car?" The smiling senior partner, Colin Sharman, accepted the award but offered no comment.

King-sized Fred

RICHARD Hall, of Binder Hamlyn, is a disappointed man. Speaking recently about the financial reporting exposure draft on related party disclosures, he regretted that it was known by its acronym, FRED 8. Surely HENRY 8 would have been better? he inquired. "After all", said Hall, "he was a monarch who displayed particular creativity in accounting for his related parties."

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Growth & Income	224.50	238.90	- 1.10	3.25
Capital	392.70	420.80	- 1.30	1.97
Balanced	867.10	713.10	- 3.50	2.79
Accumulation	612.18	613.07	- 8.00	3.12
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.73	48.86	- 0.25	3.84
High Income	385.10	411.60	- 1.80	5.75
Equity Income	218.80	234.10	- 1.30	3.56
High Yield	235.00	251.30	+ 6.90	5.96
Govt Securities	32.31	34.10	- 0.18	6.22
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	136.20	145.50	- 1.00	0.48
European Growth	34.41	36.67	- 0.01	0.01
International	159.50	170.50	+ 1.60	0.19
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Pacific	417.80	446.60	+ 2.50	0.01
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Energy	427.50	457.10	- 1.10	0.12
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Japan	335.90	346.70†	+ 1.50	
Pacific	109.90	116.90	+ 1.20	0.70
Uk Smlr Cos	50.31	53.52	- 0.13	1.16
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Invest Opps	181.60	191.20	+ 2.10	0.42

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Balanced Trusts				
Bst Inv Fd Inc	336.30	350.30†	- 3.00	2.85
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Exempt	77.73	76.51†	+ 0.63	4.33
Financial	71.58	76.56	+ 0.53	2.87
500.0	430.20	460.10	+ 1.50	2.44
General	264.80	283.30	+ 2.20	2.70
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Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	109.40	108.40†		4.85
Extra Income	112.80	120.60†	- 0.80	4.17
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.00	57.87	+ 0.13	8.52
Income	511.70	547.30	- 3.60	4.10
Income Bonus	61.12	69.05	+ 0.45	4.87
Intl Income	62.58	66.95	+ 0.48	3.58
Growth Trusts - UT				
Capital	113.90	121.90	- 1.10	2.70
Leisure	117.20	125.30	+ 1.10	1.41
Recovery	401.80	429.70	+ 2.60	2.54
Smlr Cos Inc	43.20	44.30	+ 0.05	2.69
Special Cos Inc	270.90	289.80	+ 2.10	1.97
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America	121.70	129.20†	- 1.30	0.66
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Japan & Gen Inc	184.00	194.60	- 1.0	
Pacific Inc	109.10	115.80	- 1.40	0.68
Special Cos	270.90	289.80	+ 2.10	1.97
Unicorn Euro Gen	68.41	69.42	+ 0.28	
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American Growth	91.81	97.34	- 0.76	
Amer Smlr Cos	129.80	134.40	- 2.40	
Convertible	94.60	98.39	+ 0.53	5.50
Dollar	291.00	314.00	- 2.70	0.10
Equity Income	86.36	91.67†	+ 0.69	4.90
European Growth	286.30	301.70	+ 0.70	1.80
Europe	211.40	225.40†	+ 1.00	0.60
Gearing Growth	70.49	74.67	- 0.13	0.10
Global Emrg	61.24	64.91	- 0.23	6.40
Global Growth	179.20	192.90	- 0.50	
Japan Growth	294.30	317.60	+ 0.70	
Japan Smaller	177.50	188.70	+ 0.90	
Money Trust	89.63	99.47	+ 0.01	
Portfolio	129.50	138.60	+ 0.80	1.60
Pacific Growth	1295.10	1353.90	+ 1.80	1.89
Recovery	69.13	73.97	+ 0.54	2.59
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Special Opps Inc	53.53	57.37		

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Capital Sec	166.30	177.90	+ 0.10	1.43
Dividend	82.70	88.02	- 0.56	1.88
Int Gth & Inc	206.10	222.50		3.25
UK & Gen	43.27	46.29	- 0.42	1.95
Pacific Basin	63.14	67.53	+ 0.30	

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD

Balanced Growth	101.60	107.60†		1.78
Income Inc	114.30	120.35		1.78
Smaller Cos	99.64	105.43†		1.32
Higher Yield #	43.36	45.89†		4.91
American Sch Inc	68.89	72.58		
European Growth	132.20	139.91		0.65
Account Units	134.22	142.07		0.65
Global Bond Inc #	25.13	26.53†		7.21
Mngd Pfolio Inc	40.85	43.32		1.41
(Accum Units)	41.54	43.94		1.41
Int Spec Opps	114.62	121.18		0.44
Pacific Gth	132.10	139.78		

Fgnsmith Ltd:
UK General #
(Accum Units) #
Asset
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	73.49	77.76		3.54
	74.26	78.63		3.54
	84.86	98.83		
	93.35	98.26		7.35

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Growth	147.30	156.80	+ 0.50	1.67
UK Growth	167.60	172.05	+ 1.63	2.57
UK Income	127.20	132.40†	+ 0.60	2.43

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Can Gnr Dist	183.60	194.50	+ 1.60	2.64
Can Income Dist	103.50	110.60	+ 0.80	4.84
Accum Units	343.60	339.40	+ 2.60	4.84
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.06	41.40	+ 0.13	8.57

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Adrenalin & Con	145.50	154.80	- 0.50	
Extra Inc Inc	78.02	83.57	+ 0.11	0.39
Sceptre Cap Mkt Fd	87.74	91.36	+ 0.08	1.92
Growth	406.80	432.60	+ 2.60	2.23
Income & Growth	398.80	424.30	+ 4.40	3.91
Accum Units	568.40	596.20	+ 6.20	3.91
Japan & Gen	74.60	79.15	+ 0.43	
Special Portfolio	6107.50	6105.50†	+ 72.00	1.96
Accum Units	2129.75	2125.50	+ 25.00	1.96
Special Sits	97.79	99.78	- 0.59	2.31
High Yield	112.75	113.15†	+ 14.00	4.41

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American Gwth Fd	34.95	37.37†	+ 0.01	
Cash Income	50.00	50.00	+ 0.46	4.80
European Gwth	39.64	41.39	+ 0.06	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	26.72	28.57	+ 0.46	4.67
Intnl Gwth	34.04	35.12	+ 0.23	0.29
Japan Gwth	28.15	29.10	+ 0.24	
Managed Tst Inc	46.99	50.15	+ 0.50	2.04
Oriental Opps Inc	149.20	159.56	+ 1.80	
Property Shares	37.03	39.60	+ 0.05	0.80
Smaller Cos	29.42	31.46†	+ 0.03	1.65
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.88	75.80	- 1.01	1.31
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.88	75.80	- 1.01	1.31
Cap Hse UK Inc	65.85	70.42†	- 0.42	2.69
Gartmn (E)	29.84	30.70		1.78
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	136.80	146.30	- 0.10	0.55
Foundation	86.86	94.82	+ 0.56	3.48
Gearing	49.65	53.07†		
High Income	71.67	76.65	- 0.19	8.27
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	79.03	84.52	+ 0.36	4.48

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Cautionary Portfolio	81.38	86.84	- 0.36	3.31
Americas Portfolio	86.51	92.19	+ 0.71	1.22
European Portfolio	93.41	99.42	+ 0.68	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	67.46	71.85	+ 0.34	
Pacific Portfolio	143.17	153.95	- 1.47	0.68
Uk Inc & Growth	73.72	79.05	+ 0.24	3.56
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Inv Fund	647.30	654.10		4.63
Fxd Pn Sec	146.40	146.75		9.88

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UK General Tst	64.12	68.21	+ 0.64	2.93

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Inc	630.05	644.81		4.73
Accum	627.11	627.41		
Inc	118.95	119.14		9.74
(Accum Units)	181.34	181.65		

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UK Income	166.34	176.17		5.175

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Beck Res-Tech	25.28	26.04		1.02
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City Fin Assets	89.72	73.09†		
City Fin America	88.02	84.73	+ 1.20	
City Fin Dist	75.95	79.95†	+ 0.94	0.49
City Fin Japan	171.34	180.35	+ 3.74	
Friars Hse Cap	2699.95	2852.10		1.95
Friars Hse Inc	190.15	200.29†		3.11
Barclays World Grth	131.10	139.53	- 0.53	0.09
Fairmont Cap Gth	137.29	144.52†		
-do- Inc & Gth	108.57	113.97		1.61
Fairmont Intl	154.06	162.17†		
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Jdbly Mngd Gwth	36.72	38.79	+ 0.25	0.26
Dragon Growth	71.42	76.39	- 0.63	0.23
Equity High Inc	80.61	85.75	+ 0.80	3.89
(Accum Units)	107.60	114.47	+ 1.07	3.89
European Gwth	49.18	52.32	+ 0.12	0.78
Evergreen	28.12	30.07	- 0.04	
Exempt Equity	81.56	86.62	+ 0.91	2.50
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.82	25.04	+ 0.11	8.32
Japan Growth	62.69	66.35	+ 0.32	
Pedgree Gwth	49.07	52.21	+ 0.44	2.64
Pref Sht Cos Inc	29.70	31.60†	+ 0.07	1.10
(Accum Units)	30.67	32.64	+ 0.08	1.10
Retirement Inc #	25.29	27.05	+ 0.25	5.82
Special Sits	35.62	39.17	+ 0.34	1.97
UK & Overseas	47.55	50.59	+ 0.38	1.11

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
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Capital	65.02	69.53	+ 0.70	3.29
Income	58.55	62.62	+ 0.57	4.22

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
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Income Funds				
Equity Inc	154.13	163.95†	+ 1.73	5.47
Fixed & Convertible	38.47	40.93†	+ 0.16	7.59
Monthly Inc Plus	45.45	49.41	+ 0.10	9.07
Preference Share	64.76	47.62†	+ 0.05	7.70
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	122.55	130.37†	+ 1.24	7.15
Managed Fund	65.80	70.00†	+ 0.46	3.01
Uk Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.02	40.45	+ 0.12	1.68
(Accum Units)	43.50	46.26	+ 0.13	1.68
Uk & General	77.04	81.96†	+ 1.46	2.70
(Accum Units)	96.43	102.56†	+ 1.85	2.70
Uk Growth	136.91	145.65	+ 1.64	2.34
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	184.53	196.31	+ 2.09	0.25
Far Eastern Gwth	134.38	142.96	+ 1.21	
Global Bond	74.03	78.69†	+ 0.78	6.44
Japan Growth	134.90	132.87	+ 0.63	
North Amer Gwth	154.53	164.39	+ 1.28	
Oriental Growth	78.53	83.54	+ 0.67	
Worldwide Growth	62.42	65.40†	+ 0.38	0.06
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.90	91.90†	+ 0.01	5.20
Homesaving Fund	75.90	80.74	+ 0.65	1.87
Quattro Fund	126.49	134.56	+ 1.78	3.91

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
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Growth Inc	56.98	60.59	+ 0.54	3.00
(Accum Units)	60.91	64.79	+ 0.57	3.00
High Income	32.61	34.69†	+ 0.26	4.69
Japan	39.55	38.88	+ 0.10	
Smaller Cos Inc	29.60	31.48†		2.50
Smaller Cos	64.18	68.50†		1.48
North American	31.80	33.61	+ 0.24	0.60
European	35.85	38.13	+ 0.05	0.60

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
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Consistent UT	29.85	32.01		3.27

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Growth	135.00	143.70†	+ 0.40	2.11
Income	69.50	73.94	+ 0.47	5.00
European	60.65	64.54	+ 0.39	1.02
Recovery	150.00	159.60	+ 1.60	2.03

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** is touched by the Welsh postmaster brought to life by a Hollywood star, but disappointed by *The Shadow*

Hurt grows from pain



"Two damaged lives trying to heal in a damp Welsh village": William Hurt and Chris Cleary Miles in a scene from Chris Menges's film, *Second Best*

Welsh village postmaster wanted for a film called **Second Best**. *Emotionally stunted, a sexual* virgin, approaching middle-age. Needs to dress in train-spotter's anorak, ginger hair, NHS specs and brown V-necked pullover. No charisma necessary.

So which actor gets the job? William Hurt, a Hollywood actor of dashing mien and glowing intensity, whose private life has been a tabloid writer's dream. Hurt's casting, however, *is the only obvious* concession this absorbing film — created in Britain, financed by Hollywood — makes to box-office appeal. Expect no drug busts or commando raids from Chris Menges's treatment of David Cook's novel: just a withdrawn, single man and the prickly child he hopes to adopt, two damaged lives trying to heal in a damp Welsh village.

Not that Hurt disfigures Menges's film, the third directorial venture for the former cameraman, following *A World Apart* and the less successful *Criss Cross*. His light Welsh accent is respectable, and his laidback acting entirely suits Graham Holt, the lonely man struggling to assert himself after years of self-denial.

Holt's mother is dead, his father dying, his whole life hollow. He needs fulfilment, although he could have chosen an easier route than the adoption of James, an 11-year-old orphanage boy fiercely loyal to *his absent father (Keith Allen)*, who is serving time in jail. Graham must learn to express feelings never previously acknowledged. For his part, the boy (a notable performance from newcomer Chris Cleary Miles) must lower his guns and channel his need for love down new paths.

For all its dramatic shifts, their relationship makes for low-key cinema, and some fringe elements in the script jar as a result. Jane Horrocks's brash girl from Social Services, all lipstick, cheeky specs and extravagant hair, seems to have strayed from a Mike Leigh set. Audiences must also navigate John Hurt's fruity cameo as Graham's Uncle Turpin. The odd phrase in Cook's dialogue sticks out too far: when Graham refers to his father's hands as "like injured birds looking for a safe place to roost", we hear a writer at work, not a character talking.

But for the most part the film's core is delicately observed, and laced with wry humour. Menges is not one of those former cameramen who shove pretty pictures before your eyes. He is a concerned, loving observer of people and their problems, and lets them work their quiet magic.

Second Best
Warner West End
12, 105 mins
Absorbing adoption drama from David Cook's novel

The Shadow
Plaza, 12, 107 mins
Galumphing return of the 1930s crimefighter

I Love Trouble
Odeon West End
PG, 123 mins
Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte try to be Hepburn and Tracy

Airheads
MGM Trocadero
15, 92 mins
Passable rock comedy

Final Combination
MGM Panton Street
18, 93 mins
Inept thriller

Clean, Shaven
ICA Cinema, 77 mins
Gruelling exploration of schizophrenia

My Fair Lady
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue, U, 175 mins
Gleaming restoration of the 1964 musical

Hurt is not the only star this week to transform his image. Alec Baldwin begins **The Shadow** with long hair, black fingernails and a mean scowl, a crime lord in 1930s Tibet. Subsequently, after a few plot convolutions, he dons a wide-brimmed hat, a cloak, a red scarf draped across the lower face, and one of the make-up team's finest hook noses.

This is the uniform of the *Shadow, the crime fighter* whose adventures filled the airwaves and pulp magazines of the 1930s and 1940s (Orson Welles found early employment acting the role on the radio). His resurrection is no cause for rejoicing: director Russell Mulcahy has made one of those galumphing films where the story, the characters, the eye-grabbing sets and special effects never find the *right balance*.

Things begin badly in Tibet, with clumsy expository scenes stuffed with snarling actors and an annoying dagger with an animated head. Off to New York next, for art deco towers, straight-faced talk about "birillian spheres", ruby rings and atomic bombs, plus Ian McKellen wasting his time as a dotty scientist.

Once John Lone steps out of a sarcophagus in Mongol warrior gear, the Shadow's nemesis and the last descendant of Genghis Khan, some dark humour enters the mix. "So, what brings you to the Big Apple?" Baldwin asks, reclining in Brooks Brothers' finest.

But the gadgets, showy sets and unsympathetic characters crush any jokes that may creep into David Koepp's script. They crush the one female, too: a socialite played by Penelope Ann Miller, who shares a telepathic bond with Baldwin's vigilante. The radio show's famous tag-line was: "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?" In this case, who cares?

The wardrobe team was also busy in **I Love Trouble**: inevitably so, for the film co-stars Julia Roberts. The hair is down, then the hair is up. A cub reporter in Chicago, her salary allows her to dress for glamour; but once comedy gives way to perilous thrills, out come the jeans and sweater. Completing the fashion show, director Charles Shyer arranges for close-ups of her legs every 30 minutes or so.

Nick Nolte's legs he never bothers with. Nolte is the cynical old-timer on a story that takes the pair from a nasty train wreck and a clue in a birdcage to a chemical plant and a hormone that speeds the production of milk in cows.

The inspiration for this kind of nonsense is obvious: Tracy-Hepburn battles of the sexes, newspaper comedies like *His Girl Friday*, and later romps like *North By Northwest*. But *Shyer and his partner Nancy* Meyers are no Golden Age glories like Wilder and Brackett, or Hecht and MacArthur. Their jokes have no bite, their dialogue no glitter.

To make matters worse, they let their film topple over with a too-elaborate finale. Dean Tavoularis may have enjoyed modelling the chemical plant on a Frank Lloyd Wright building, but the vast size only highlights the puny material unfolding within. As for the players, they trade their quips and flash their smiles — but no star power can make the film work.

Audiences need another rock'n'roll comedy as much as they need German measles. **Airheads** scarcely rejuvenates the genre, but director Michael Lehmann keeps the film hurtling forwards even when *the plot stands still. The aspir*ing group is called the Lone Rangers: Steve Buscemi on bass, Adam Sandler on drums, Brendan Fraser as lead warbler. Armed with toy guns, the buffoons take a radio station hostage and demand their demo disc gets aired. Rowdy but good-natured, the film at least hits its lowly target. Not all movie fodder can claim as much.

Passing swiftly over **Final Combination**, directed by Nigel Dick — an inept thriller that wastes Michael Madsen as an LA cop but proves all too good a showcase for the limited talents of others — we arrive at **Clean, Shaven**, an American independent movie to tremble over. Few films have penetrated schizophrenia *so intensely as this first feature* from Lodge Kerrigan, a 30-year-old New Yorker.

The soundtrack alone is disturbing enough. Jangling coat hangers, dripping taps: every noise is amplified in the head of the schizophrenic, played by Peter Greene, struggling to contact his daughter. And you soon come to dread whenever he reaches for a sharp edge, although at least the images of self-mutilation are in black and white. Kerrigan's control is impressive, but he has created an experience that only masochists are likely to relish.

For relief, you could always plunge into the familiar tunes and Edwardian finery of the 1964 **My Fair Lady**. Both sound and image have been *cleaned up for this 70mm* restoration, and Audrey Hepburn's voice has been restored to "Wouldn't It Be Loverly", previously dubbed by Marni Nixon. In this music video age, the film's pace and weight may now appear elephantine; but the personal magnetism of Hepburn and Rex Harrison still count for plenty.

Smith's rage against the dying

THEATRE: Albee's towering new masterpiece has a cast fit for the gods, says **Benedict Nightingale**



Anastasia Hille, Maggie Smith and Frances de la Tour triumph in *Three Tall Women*

Three Tall Women
Wyndham's

Edward Albee has acknowledged that the subject of this play was his adoptive mother, a strong, cold woman who made him very unhappy, as he did her.

"I did not like her much, *could not abide her prejudices*, her loathings, her paranoias," he writes. "But I did admire her pride, her sense of self. As she began rapidly failing both physically and mentally, I was touched by the survivor, the figure clinging to the wreckage only partly of her own making, refusing to go under."

That could be a prescription for vindictive self-justification, self-pity, nostalgia, sentimentality, or some glutinous mixture of all those things. In fact, Albee has never before written with such detached passion. His play has the force of the deeply personal, yet somehow contrives to transcend it. It begins as a rueful case-study of old age and ends up a powerful meditation on change and death.

It is also a living reproach to those of us who had written off the author of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and *A Delicate Balance* as a burnt-out volcano or blown-out hurricane, a dramatist 30 years past his prime.

The first half of Anthony Page's production is the more conventional, if what is very nearly a monologue for Maggie Smith can ever be so described. Anastasia Hille, playing a visiting lawyer, interjects odd notes of cool, politically correct disapproval. Frances de la Tour is at once cynical and accepting, a companion half-complicit with her employer's forays into infantilism. But it is, as it should be, Smith who commands the stately blue bedroom that Carl Toms has designed as her last anchorage.

The unnamed "tall woman" she plays is 91, or maybe 92, and slips from mood to mood as whimsically as from age to age. Back erect, face pinched, voice rising to a squawk or a growl, she is variously suspicious, accusing, confused, clear, tearful, mischievous, baleful, and in a sort of blank, amorphous despair.

The present seems hazy for her, but the past is often vivid, never more so than when she describes an erotic approach by her long-dead husband that she could not bring herself to accept. What actress but Smith could make you see the moment's absurdity, yet feel its awful pathos?

But then it is hard to imagine anybody giving a more complete account of Jacques's pantaloon, female version, falling into second childishness and mere oblivion. Even so, the best and most imaginative of the play is still to come.

Up goes the curtain on the second half, and what appears to be Smith is lying comatose in bed, victim of a stroke. Then on walks the lady herself, accompanied by the same supporting actresses. But each has a new role. Each is the "tall woman" at a different time of her life: Hille the maiden, de la Tour the matron, Smith the crone.

Hille exudes dreamy, girlish hope, de la Tour (particularly strong in this half) an independent woman's contempt for such naivety, Smith a half-amused fatalism. Love, marriage, motherhood — all the *things idealised by the maiden* — have turned out to be disappointing and banal.

Albee offers a bit of solace towards the end, but it is not very convincing. This tripartite woman — by now an archetype of her gender — looks at what she was and *what she became with disbe*lief and scorn. Time has fulfilled its traditional function, that of destroyer.

All this from Albee, whose work once seemed to have succumbed to terminal pretension, and from America, a nation whose credo is that decay and death are optional. I have not seen a harder, harsher, larger, more humane play in ages.

NEW MUSIC: **Hilary Finch** on a major Schnittke premiere

Art and soul of a master

RSPO/ Rozhdestvensky
Concert Hall, Stockholm

SIX British or world premieres of Alfred Schnittke's music are currently being unveiled in London as part of a sixtieth birthday celebration. They give some indication of the composer's frenetic creative output within the past *five years, before a fourth* stroke grounded him once more. He has been in hospital since May, unable as yet to speak or write; but in February he had already completed his Eighth Symphony.

Commissioned by the Stockholm Concert Hall Foundation, *which has built up a* close relationship with the composer ever since its pioneering Schnittke Festival in 1989, the new symphony has just been given its world premiere by the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic and Gennady Rozhdestvensky, to *whom it was dedicated*.

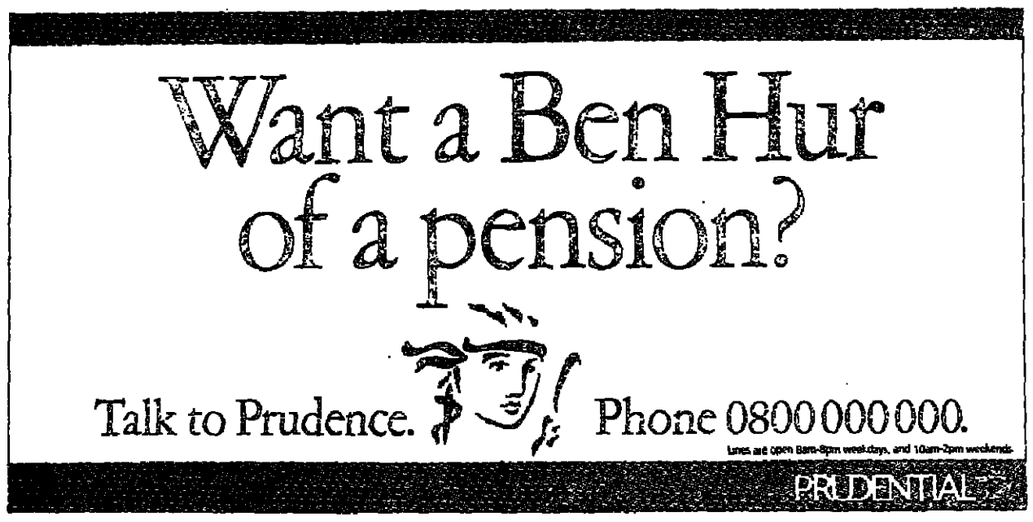
It was Rozhdestvensky who footed the bill for Schnittke's First Symphony to be shunted out to Gorki for its premiere in 1974, when the work had been banned in Moscow. Then he had to contend with a physically tumultuous Tower of Babel of a work, for which the famous tag "polystylism" was something of an understatement. Now, in stark contrast, Rozhdestvensky was faced with a view from above: vast flatlands of austere, slow moving music, its pacing precarious, its moods, elusive, its apparent simplicity *masking many passages of technical* and linguistic complexity.

For the listener, the Eighth Symphony is a natural and often deeply moving successor to the newly reflective Sixth (premiered in London on Sunday) and Seventh (premiered in New York in February). There is a similarly economic use of large orchestral forces (which this time include celeste, piano and harpsichord), and a similar apparent obeisance to the spirit of Bruckner in the solemn resonance of the brass. (The Seventh, significantly, was originally scored for organ and strings).

It is as if the Germanic and Russian souls in Schnittke *have at last fused in a shared* language: within a singing voice which seems uniquely Slavonic, homage is paid to Mahler, too. The elegiac string writing of the Sixth Symphony's slow movement now becomes an extensive centrepiece in which an aching *melody is sung by a single line* of violins, transmuted in a gentle flute and clarinet duet, repeatedly sinking down into dark chord clusters before being suspended in a calm sweetness of major triads.

The first movement had introduced this new gentle*ness in a lean barcarolle-like* theme, introduced by horns and varied 22 times as a passacaglia; the second and fourth movements act as counterbalance in their characteristically contrasting language of short-lived moods and brisk, fragmented figures. Where the Seventh Symphony had ended with the briefest and darkest of dirges in waltz time, the Eighth all but dematerialises.





TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

SCHNITTKE CELEBRATIONS The mini-fest to mark the composer's 60th birthday ends this evening with a very special chamber concert. His wife Irene opens the programme with Piano Sonata No 2 and Rostropovich then performs the Cello Sonata written for him; they are both joined by violinist Mark Lubotsky for a Piano Trio.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

RICHARD GOODE The excellent "Complete Beethoven Piano Sonatas" cycle moves into a second series tonight with Sonatas in G minor, Op 49 No 1, in D, Op 10 No 3, in E flat, Op 31 No 3, in G., Op 79 and in E, Op 109. Goode takes the series to Sheffield (Crucible) on Saturday.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

RACING DEMON David Hare's compulsive drama of the Anglican Church returns for the second half of its brief season. Richard Eyre directs, with Oliver Ford Davies.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Nov 22, 7.15pm, mats Nov 19 and 22, 2pm.

ELSEWHERE

COVENTRY: Richard Alston's new small company, formed to plug the gap left by London Contemporary Dance Theatre, makes its debut this week with a programme of four works. Lachrymae, set to Benjamin Britten's music, and Movements From Petrushka, starring the extraordinary Darshan Singh Bhuller, were first performed by LCDT at Aldeburgh earlier this year. Alston's new works are Shadow Realm, with music by Simon Holt, and Something in the City, described as a romp to music by the band Man Jumping.
Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 524524). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

CARDIFF: Grant Llewellyn conducts the BBC National Orchestra of Wales tonight for the premiere of Charlie Barber's Shut up and Dance. Also on offer are Beethoven's Symphony No 7, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and, continuing the dance theme, Ginastera's Dances from Estancia. Peter Donohoe is the piano soloist.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (0222 371236). Tonight, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Music director Kent Nagano conducts tonight's Hallé Orchestra concert with a programme of Mendelssohn's String Symphony No 10 and Mahler's magical Symphony No 5. He takes the orchestra to St George's, Bradford for another performance on Friday (Britten, Mahler).
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712). Tonight, 7.30pm.

Also in Manchester for a short stay is **Fiddler on the Roof**: Topol returns to his alter ego Tevye and Sara Kestelman plays Golde in the 30th anniversary revival.
Palace, Oxford Street (061-236 9922). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

EXETER: Ruggiero Ricci celebrates 70 years on the concert platform as he joins the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** for Sibelius's Violin Concerto. Tonight's programme also includes Berlioz's Overture, Helios and Brahms's Symphony No 2 in D. Kees Bakels conducts.
University Great Hall, Stocker Road (0392 669925). Tonight, 7.30pm. Repeated in Bristol tomorrow.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Pre-Raphaelite Drawings; New European Applied Arts Galleries (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy**: The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Whistler (071-887 8000) ... **V & A**: Streetstyle; Kalighat: Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930 (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **BROKEN GLASS** Strong performances from Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman in Arthur Miller's latest. An American Jewish couple in the 1930s, wanting to ignore the Nazi menace.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm.

☐ **HAMLET**. Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-detesting Prince, backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm.

■ **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**: Peter Sellars's extremely controversial staging (set in Venice Beach, California) at least has a powerful central performance by the black actor Paul Butler.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Nov 19, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm.

◪ **MISS JULIE** Acclaimed for her production of A Doll's House last winter, Sue Lefton now directs Strindberg's drama of lust and submission. Presented by Kaboodle.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sun, 7.30pm, mat Sun, 4.30pm. Until Dec 11.

☐ **MOSCOW STATIONS**. Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **MY NIGHT WITH REG**: John Sessions, David Bamber, Joe Duttine among the cast of six in Kevin Elyot's excellent comedy with a dark edge, transferred from the Royal Court.
Entirely credible glimpses of gay life in London.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Nov 21, 7pm.

☐ **ON APPROVAL**. Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is, a sophisticated, diverting but relatively sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN**: Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE QUEEN AND I**: Sue Townsend's not-so-subversive satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Max Stafford-Clark directs.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG**: Wendy Wasserstein's cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THAT WOMAN**: Patricia Hayes in two John Antrobus shorties originally written for radio. Hayes plays an estate pest who will buttonhole anyone for a chat.
Riverside Studio 3, Crisp Rd, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2255). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; until Dec 3.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DREAM LOVER (18): James Spader discovers that Mädchen Amick, his new wife, is not all that she appears to be. Cool, over-stylised psychological thriller from scriptwriter-turned-director Nicholas Kazan.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

FLESH AND BONE (15): Lugubrious tale of blighted Texan lives from Fabulous Baker Boys director Steve Kloves. With Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and James Caan.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU (PG): Bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez. Director, Andrew Bergman.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

SLEEP WITH ME (18): LA friends party, play poker and suffer in love. Uneven first feature by Rory Kelly, featuring Eric Stoltz, Meg Tilly and Craig Sheffer.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THREE COLOURS: RED (15): Kieslowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives, a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irène Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

CURRENT

THE BROWNING VERSION (15): Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney as the classics teacher facing retirement. With Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine and Julian Sands. Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

KILL ME AGAIN (18): Revival of John Dahl's modestly enjoyable first film, with Joanna Whalley-Kilmer as the wily sexpot who hires an investigator to fake her murder.
Metro (071-437 0757)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Unwieldy, overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683)

THREESOME (18): Shallow but smart college comedy with good quips and attractive performances (Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin). Director, Andrew Fleming.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

TO LIVE (12): Simple, enthralling family epic from leading Chinese director Zhang Yimou. With Ge You, Gong Li.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia. Director, Luis Mandoki.
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683)

WOLF (15): Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols.
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683)

A community carves its own figureheads

A sycamore tree cut down on Hampstead Heath has helped to give an elderly warship a new image from the past. Alan Copps reports

When was the last time someone sat on board a ship on the Thames and carved a figurehead? The answer, perhaps surprisingly, is last month. The finishing touches were being applied to two figureheads and a number of other marine sculptures the day before they were unveiled aboard *HMS President*, a former naval vessel permanently moored beside London's Blackfriars Bridge.

These exhibits, which it is hoped will eventually form part of a permanent floating gallery, were the result of a summer-long Public Art Workshop, led by Liz Leyh, a pioneer in the field of community art, whose best-known work in this country is the line of concrete cows that announces to rail passengers their arrival in Milton Keynes.

> ❛ People give their labour but don't think they are artists ❜

Public art is a peculiar field: for most artists, creation is a distinctly private act, often rooted in personal experience. Few are very articulate about it, especially during the process. Leyh, however, is the antithesis of the airy-fairy, precious artist. She has a gift for explaining her work in a smoky, husky voice that carries authority without pretension. She is a natural teacher.

The co-operative efforts in which she led seven young artists and about 100 occasional volunteers between July and October produced two mermaids, one in mahogany and copper relief, one in paper and mixed media; two bronze ship's bells; a carved dragon; another marine relief and an impressive model of glass wings that is part of a design for a new entrance to the ship.

But the centre of attention must be the massive figureheads. They were carved from the same tree, a sycamore felled on Hampstead Heath as part of a thinning programme by the Corporation of London. "I went to a timber yard to find lime, one of the best carving woods, but was told a large enough piece would cost £3,000," Leyh says. "So I went looking for a big log. The Corporation invited me to watch it being felled. They cut it to specification, including a bough which made a natural arm. I saw the image of the rest — the beard of leaves and the head — as they cut it down."

The Green Man is mounted above the main stairway to the ship's upper deck. He is based, like so many old figureheads, on a figure from folk memory. "When a friend said, 'What about the Green Man?' I said 'Who?'. But when my memory was jogged the image emerged. He is half-tree, half-man and he's all over the place."

The image of a man fused with a tree runs through Western culture from Roman art to the work of Michelangelo. A large and surprisingly pagan example can be found on the west front of St Paul's Cathedral. The figurehead's features are those of a friend of Leyh's from New Orleans, his hair and beard are of green leaves — symbolising nature — and his torso sprouts from gold leaves, symbolising civilisation.

His partner looms powerfully into the ship's former gun room, now a bar. Her clothes are reminiscent of perhaps the most famous figurehead of all, that of the Cutty Sark: she wears the same almost indecently short shift that gave that clipper its name, but is more buxom than the Greenwich figurehead.

This was a useful feature when she was thrown overboard by vandals during the early part of the carving — her full figure attracted the attention of a passing tug and she was quickly rescued. She is green, too, in the most surprising way: instead of facial features, her head blooms into a cabbage.

The workshop was set up by the educational charity Inter-Action, which now occupies *HMS President*. Ed Berman, the charity's director, commissioned the works to decorate the public areas of the ship, increasingly used for corporate events and private parties that provide valuable income for the charity. He believes the success of the workshop will help move forward plans to open a gallery and bring more of the public aboard.

For Leyh, born in New York State, long-time resident of Britain and Israel and now living in New Orleans, the work this summer below the waterline in what used to be the magazine room of an old warship was an unusual experience. "When you work in a community people contribute their labour, but they don't think of themselves as artists. It was so exciting working with young artists, striking ideas off one another, I thought at first I would be teaching by day and carving by night, but the work became a real collaboration because of the people who came to learn."

The volunteers ranged from students to actors and included Brian Towler, the chief joiner in charge of restoration at St Paul's Cathedral: "He's been a wood craftsman all his life, but always in straight lines," Leyh says. "He'd never carved a finger before, but was here every Saturday helping out. The hours that have been put in here have been extraordinary."

Such was the enthusiasm for the project that she has been invited back to lead a workshop next year.



Liz Leyh (far left) helps to put the finishing touches to the Green Man

RADIO: **Peter Barnard** tells the fortunes of the whinging National Lottery callers to Nick Ross

Time to bar humbug

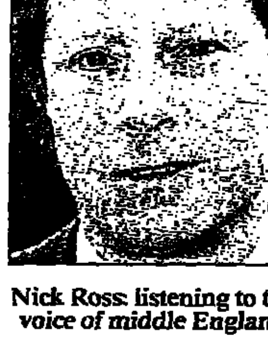
Shortly before 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning a 77-year-old woman picked up a telephone just in time to prevent me jumping off a tall building. She dialled neither the Samaritans nor the fire brigade. She dialled Nick Ross and said something cheerful.

What she said about the previous 29 callers to Radio 4's **Call Nick Ross** was that she had "never heard such a bunch of whingers" in her life. My thought exactly. She added that she had bought a ticket for the National Lottery and "perfectly expected to win".

Until this call came in I was sinking into a sofa which served as a perfect metaphor for the slough of despond. The subject of the lottery had brought to the programme a quite disgusting array of kill-joys and spoilsports, a motley crew whose wimpering pessimism crushed hope and wiped smiles off faces.

There were people who thought the lottery would turn us into a nation of obsessive gamblers. There were people who thought charities were headed for extinction just because 5p in the pound of lottery money will go to charities, thus blunting our desire to give to charities via any other route. The word "obscene" was used at least once.

It is widely believed that Radio 4 represents, indeed is, the voice of middle England (interestingly, not one of Tuesday's calls came from Scotland, Wales or Ulster). Audience profiles suggest that there is some truth in this, but that is not necessarily the same as saying that callers to Ross represent a cross-section of middle England.



Nick Ross: listening to the voice of middle England

Ross runs the most civilised phone-in on radio, but as a barometer of public opinion the programme is hopeless. At least, I hope it is. By the time Ross went on the air on Tuesday more than seven million lottery tickets had been sold, which means that, at 5p in the pound, charities had already benefited to the tune of £350,000.

Yet, while several of Ross's callers said people would stop giving to charities, others said not enough of the lottery money was going to charity, and Majorie Wallace of the mental health charity SANE called to say she was worried about taking money from such a source, but that she would probably accept it anyway. Dear, oh dear.

The only possible conclusion to reach from seven million tickets sold in 24 hours and 27 out of 30 callers to Ross being anti-lottery is that people who phone radio programmes are a breed apart, that they are residents of the United Phonedom, a tiny principality having no connection with the adjacent nation.

Much like Monte Carlo or Andorra, the United Phonedom is not a place you would want to visit, except very briefly and with your ears muffled against the intrusion of local wisdom.

The National Lottery is the one great idea to emanate from this completely duff Government, the one bit of excitement to leach through the dead grey walls of Whitehall, the single exclamation mark in an administration of full stops, semi-colons and parentheses.

I know this to be true, because most of the people ringing up Ross think the opposite, save one old lady with her head screwed on the right way up.

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PATRICIA HODGE in
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VAUDEVILLE BO/CC 836 9987 CC 071 497 9977
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Mon-Sat 8pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
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From Inverness to Plymouth, from Barbara Windsor to Wayne Sleep: *The Times* Theatre Club's Christmas show list

The Indispensable Panto Guide





WEST END
Barbican (071-638 8891)
Royal Shakespeare Company:
A Christmas Carol
November 28-January 4
Bloomsbury Theatre (071-388 8822)
Sooty's Wild West Show
December 19-31
Cambridge Theatre (071-494 5080)
Peter Pan — The British Musical
December 13-January 21
Cochrane Theatre (071-242 7040)
Maskarade
December 9-January 14
Coliseum (071-632 8300)
Birmingham Royal Ballet: *The Nutcracker*
December 18-January 14
Festival Hall (071-928 8800)
English National Ballet:
The Nutcracker
December 21-January 14
Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith (081-741 2311)
The Little Match Girl
December 9-January 21
Mermaid Theatre (071-236 2211)
Treasure Island
November 29-January 14
National Theatre (071-928 2252)
The Wind in The Willows
December 9-January 14
Royal Opera House (071-304 4000)
Royal Ballet: *Cinderella* and *The Sleeping Beauty*
December 23-January 14
Sadler's Wells (071-278 8916)
Babes In The Wood
December 15-January 22
Roy Hudd, Keith Barron
Theatre Royal Stratford East (081- 534 0310)
Sleeping Beauty
December 3-January 28
Unicorn Theatre (071-836 2132)
Aladdin
November 26-January 22
Young Vic Theatre (071-928 6363)
Grimm Tales
November 23-January 21

BATTERSEA
BAC (071-223 2223)
Peter Pan
December 6-January 15
Grace Theatre at the Latchmere (071-228 2620)
Under the Sun and the Moon
January 4-January 28
BOREHAMWOOD
The Venue (081-297 5655)
Aladdin
December 22-December 24
BRENTFORD
Watermans Arts Centre (081-568 1176)
Aladdin
December 1-January 7
BROMLEY
Churchill Theatre (081-460 6677)
Babes in the Wood
December 9-January 14
CARSHALTON
Charles Cryer Studio (081-770 4950)
Hansel and Gretel
December 8-January 3
CROYDON
Ashcroft Theatre (081-668 9291)
Aladdin
December 9-January 15
EDMONTON
Millfield Theatre (081-807 6680)
Cinderella
December 9-January 7
HACKNEY
Empire (081-985 2424)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 7-January 14
HAYES
Beck Theatre (081-561 8371)
Beauty and the Beast
December 14-January 15
HOUNSLOW
Paul Robeson Theatre (081-577 6969)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 13-January 7
ILFORD
Kenneth More (081-553 4466)
Aladdin
December 15-February 4
LEWISHAM
Lewisham Theatre (081-690 0002)
Aladdin
December 19-January 15
Jeremy Beadle
RICHMOND
Richmond Theatre (081-940 0088)
Peter Pan
December 16-January 28
Leslie Grantham, Una Stubbs
WIMBLEDON
Polka Theatre For Children (081-543 4888)
The Snow Queen
December 20-January 6
Wimbledon Theatre (081-540 0362)
Cinderella
December 16-January 29
Rolf Harris, Ian Botham

HIGHLANDS

ALDERSHOT
West End Centre (0252 330040)
Dick Whittington and His Crazy Cat
December 19-30
ASHTON UNDER LYNE
Tameside Hippodrome (061-308 3223)
Cinderella
December 12-January 15
BAGNOR
Watermill Theatre (0635 46044)
The Secret Garden
December 19-January 13
BARNSLEY
Civic Theatre (0226 246734)
Dick Whittington
December 17-January 7
BARNSTAPLE
Queens Theatre (0271 24242)
Cinderella
December 23-January 7
BARROW IN FURNESS
Forum 28 (0229 820000)
Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp
December 27-30

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BASINGSTOKE
The Anvil (0256 844244)
Cinderella
December 21-January 21
Barbara Windsor, Gorden Kaye
BATH
Theatre Royal (0225 448844)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 15-January 28
Lionel Blair, Britt Ekland
BERWICK UPON TWEED
The Maltings (0289 330999)
Sleigh Rider
December 16-31
BEXHILL
De La Warr Pavilion (0424 212022)
Aladdin
December 17-31
BILLINGHAM
Forum (0642 552663)
Aladdin
December 15-January 14
BIRMINGHAM
Alexandra Theatre (021 633 3325)
Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story
December 21-January 14
Hippodrome (021 622 7486)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 22-February 25
Sue Pollard
Repertory Theatre (021 236 4455)
Peter Pan
December 6-January 28
BLACKBURN
King George's Hall (0254 582582)
Aladdin
December 27-January 15
BLACKPOOL
Grand Theatre (0235 28372)
Peter Pan
December 23-January 14
BOGNOR REGIS
Regis Centre (0243 865551)
Puss In Boots
December 15-January 7
BOLTON
Octagon (0204 520661)
Mowgli's Jungle
December 2-January 14
BOURNEMOUTH
Pavilion Theatre (0202 297297)
Robinson Crusoe
December 22-January 29
BRACKNELL
Wilde Theatre (0344 484123)
Max and the Missing Melody Mystery
December 7-January 7
BRADFORD
Alhambra (0274 752000)
Aladdin
December 23-February 12
BRIGHTON
Gardner Arts Centre (0273 685861)
A Christmas Carol
December 14-January 7
Theatre Royal (0273 328488)
The Magic World of Aladdin
December 15-January 7
BRISTOL
Hippodrome (0272 299444)
Postman Pat's Happy Christmas Show
December 26-January 15
Old Vic (0272 250250)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 2-January 28
BROADSTAIRS
Pavilion Theatre (0843 865726)
Aladdin
December 26-January 2
BURY ST EDMUNDS
Theatre Royal (0284 769505)
Mother Goose
December 9-January 14
BUXTON
Opera House (0298 72190)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 15-31
CAMBERLEY
Civic Hall (0276 23738)
Dick Whittington
December 13-31
CAMBRIDGE
Corn Exchange (0223 357851)
Cinderella
December 17-January 14
Dora Bryan
CANTERBURY
Marlowe Theatre (0227 787787)
Dick Whittington and his Cat
December 9-January 8
Marti Webb
CARLISLE
Sands Centre (0228 25222)
Peter Pan
December 12-23
CHATHAM
Central Theatre (0634 403868)
Dick Whittington and His Cat
December 10-January 2
Medway Arts Centre (0634 408965)
Beauty and the Beast
December 14-17
CHELMSFORD
Civic Theatre (0245 495028)
Cinderella
December 17-January 7
CHELTENHAM
Everyman (0242 572573)
The Jungle Book
December 9-January 14
CHESHAM
Elgiva Theatre (0494 774759)
Cinderella
December 12 - December 31
CHESTERFIELD
Pomegranate Theatre (0246 232901)
Aladdin and his Magic Lamp
December 17-January 7
CHICHESTER
Festival Theatre (0243 781312)
Peter Pan
December 16-January 7
Toyah Wilcox, Frank Finlay
CHIPPING NORTON
Chipping Norton Theatre (0608 642350)
Puss in Boots
December 8-January 14
CLITHEROE
Civic Hall Theatre (0772 258796)
Dick Whittington and His Cat
December 19-28
COLCHESTER
Mercury Theatre (0206 573948)
The Wizard of Oz
December 8-January 14
COVENTRY
Belgrade (0203 553055)
Beauty and the Beast
December 8-January 21
Warwick Arts Centre (0203 524524)
The Snow Queen
December 2-January 7
CRAWLEY
The Hawth (0293 553636)
Beauty and the Beast
December 14-January 8
Hinge and Bracket
CREWE
Lyceum (0270 537333)
The Sleeping Beauty
December 10-January 8
DARLINGTON
Civic Theatre (0325 486555)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 10-January 29

Starring Linda Lusardi
DARTFORD
The Orchard (0322 220000)
Peter Pan
December 15-January 21
Andrew Sachs
DERBY
Playhouse (0332 363275)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 10-January 28
DONCASTER
Civic Centre (0302 342349)
Cinderella
December 19-January 7
DOUGLAS, Isle of Man
Gaiety Theatre (0624 625001)
Aladdin
December 24-January 7
DUDLEY
Netherton Arts Centre (0384 250333)
Aladdin
December 7-10
EASTBOURNE
Devonshire Park Theatre (0323 412000)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 22-January 15
EPSOM
Playhouse (0372 742555)
Beauty and the Beast
December 10-January 7
EXETER
Northcott Theatre (0392 54853)
Toad of Toad Hall
December 13-January 21
EYE
Eye Theatre (0379 870519)
Humpty Dumpty
December 23-January 11
FALMOUTH
Arts Centre (0326 212300)
Rumplestiltskin
December 16-20
Hansel and Gretel
January 17-21
FAREHAM
Ferneham Halls (0329 231 942)
Cinderella
December 19-January 2
FARNHAM
Redgrave Theatre (0252 715301)
The Jungle Book
December 9-January 14
GRAVESEND
The Woodville Halls (0474 3374596)
Snow White
December 17-January 7
GRAYS
Thameside Theatre (0375 383961)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 20-January 7
Alan Terry, Simon Bashford
GUILDFORD
Civic Hall (0483 444555)
Babes In The Wood
December 16-January 7
Yvonne Arnaud (0483 60191)
The Snow Queen
December 16-January 7
Anita Dobson, Bernard Cribbens
HALIFAX
Victoria Theatre (0422 351158)
Beauty and the Beast
December 20-January 7
HARLOW
Playhouse (0279 431945)
Babes in the Wood
December 15-January 14
HARROGATE
Harrogate Theatre (0423 502116)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 16-January 14
HASTINGS
White Rock Theatre (0424 722755)
Babes in the Wood
December 17-January 8
HATFIELD
The Forum (0707 271217)
Aladdin
December 26-January 1
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
The Old Town Hall (0442 242827)
Robin Hood
December 26-31
HIGH WYCOMBE
Wycombe Swan (0494 512000)
Dick Whittington
December 10-January 14

Starring Kate O'Mara
HODDESDON
Broxbura Civic Hall (0992 441946)
Dick Whittington
January 1-7
HORNCHURCH
Queens Theatre (0708 443333)
Dick Whittington
December 3-January 28
HORSHAM
Arts Centre (0403 268689)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 16-January 7
HULL
New Theatre (0482 226655)
Cinderella
December 17-January 28
HUNSTANTON
Princess Theatre (0485 532252)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Keith Hopkins, Peter Jamieson
IPSWICH
Regent Theatre (0473 281480)
The Wind in the Willows
December 27-January 1
Wolsey Theatre (0473 253725)
Cinderella
December 22-January 28
KENDAL
The Brewery (0539 725133)
Ol' King Cole by Ken Campbell
January 25 and February 1-4
LANCASTER
Duke's Theatre (0524 66645)
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
December 2-31
LEATHERHEAD
Thorndike Theatre (0372 377677)
Annie
December 21-January 28
LEEDS
City Varieties (0532 430808)
Cinderella
December 16-January 14
Civic Theatre (0532 455505)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 5-January 1
Grand Theatre & Opera House (0532 459351)
Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood
February 20-26
West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111)
The Snow Queen
December 9-January 14
LEICESTER
The Haymarket (0533 539797)
Calamity Jane
November 18-January 28
De Montfort Hall (0533 544444)
Cinderella
December 19-January 12
LINCOLN
Theatre Royal (0522 525555)
Cinderella
December 16-January 29
LIVERPOOL
Empire (051 709 1555)
The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe
December 20-January 21
David Essex
Everyman Theatre (051 709 4776)
Dick Whittington and His Sc'Ally Cat
December 7-January 28
Playhouse (051 709 8363)
A Christmas Carol
December 7-January 14
LUTON
St George's Theatre (0582 21628)
Gargling With Jelly
December 13-24
MAIDSTONE
Hazlitt Theatre (0622 758611
Cinderella
December 3-January 7
MALVERN
Festival Theatre (0684 892277)
Beauty and the Beast
December 26-January 7
MANCHESTER
Contact Theatre (061 274 4400)
Cinderella
November 30-January 14
Library Theatre (061 236 7110)
The Secret Garden

December 2-January 14
Palace Theatre (061 236 9922)
Scrooge
December 10-February 4
Royal Exchange (061 833 9833)
Charley's Aunt
December 8-January 21
MANSFIELD
Civic Theatre (0623 663085)
Dick Whittington
December 12-January 14
MARGATE
Tom Thumb Theatre (0843 221791)
Cinderella
November 20-December 30
MIDDLESBROUGH
Little Theatre (0642 815181)
Cinderella
December 14-January 8
NEW BRIGHTON
Floral Pavilion (051 639 4360)
Dick Whittington
December 26-January 22
NEWARK
Palace Theatre (0636 71156)
Dick Whittington and His Cat
December 24-January 1
NEWBURY
Corn Exchange (0635 522733)
Beauty and the Beast
December 13-31
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME
New Victoria Theatre (0782 717962)
The Tinder Box
November 30-December 28, January 10-14 & 23-28
Playhouse (091 230 5151)
The Snow Queen
December 3-January 7
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
Theatre Royal (091 232 2061)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 16-January 21
Little & Large
NORTHAMPTON
Derngate (0604 24811)
Dick Whittington and His Wonderful Cat
December 10-January 22
Royal Theatre (0604 32533)
Sleeping Beauty
December 12-January 21
NORWICH
Theatre Royal (0603 630000)
Aladdin
December 19-January 28
NOTTINGHAM
Playhouse (0602 419419)
Cinderella
December 3-January 28
Theatre Royal (0602 482626)
Great Expectations
December 21-February 4
Brian Glover, Nyree Dawn Porter
OLDHAM
Coliseum (061 624 2829)
Sinbad the Sailor
December 2-January 14
OXFORD
Playhouse (0865 798600)
Aladdin
December 9-January 14
PETERBOROUGH
Key Theatre (0733 52439)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 14-January 21
PLYMOUTH
Theatre Royal (0752 267222)
Aladdin
December 16-February 4
POOLE
Arts Centre (0202 685222)
Aladdin
December 9-January 14
POTTERS BAR
Wyllott's Centre (0707 645005)
Pinocchio
December 20-31
PRESTON
Charter Theatre (0772 258858)
Cinderella
December 9-January 7
RAMSGATE
Granville Theatre (0843 591750)
Babes in the Wood
December 26-January 1
READING
Hexagon (0734 591591)
Aladdin

December 12-January 15
Rula Lenska, Dennis Waterman
REDDITCH
Palace Theatre (0527 65203)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 16-January 8
REDHILL
The Harlequin (0737 765547)
Cinderella
December 10-January 8
Wayne Sleep
RICHMOND, N YORKS
Georgian Theatre Royal (0748 823021)
The Borrowers
December 26-28
RICKMANSWORTH
Watersmeet (0923 771542)
The Wind in the Willows
December 17-31
ROTHERHAM
Civic Theatre (0709 823640)
Cinderella
December 22-January 15
ST ALBANS
Alban Arena (0727 44488)
The New Adventures of Peter Pan
December 15-January 8
SALISBURY
Playhouse (0722 3320333)
The Sleeping Beauty
December 10-January 14
SCARBOROUGH
Stephen Joseph Theatre In The Round (0723 370541)
The Musical Jigsaw Play
December 1-January 7
SCUNTHORPE
Plowright Theatre (0724 840883)
Aladdin
December 10-January 7
SEVENOAKS
The Stag Theatre (0732 450175)
Alice in Wonderland
December 21-31
SHEFFIELD
Crucible Studio (0742 769 922)
The Snow Queen
December 8-24 & January 5-14
Lyceum (0742 769 922)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 22-January 29
Marti Caine
SKEGNESS
Embassy Centre (0754 768333)
Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood
December 17-22
SONNING
The Mill at Sonning (0734 698000)
Touch & Go
December 6-January 14
SOUTHAMPTON
Mayflower Theatre (0703 229771)
Dick Whittington
December 15-February 5
Lesley Joseph, John Nettles
Nuffield Theatre (0703 671771)
Robin Hood
December 8-January 14
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
Cliffs Pavilion (0702 351135)
Dick Whittington
December 14-January 14
Bobby Davro
SOUTHSEA
King's Theatre (0705 828282)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 15-January 14
SOUTHPORT
Arts Centre (0704 540011)
Sleeping Beauty
December 27-29
Southport Theatre (0704 540404)
Dick Whittington and His Cat
December 16-January 15
Keith Harris & Orville
STAFFORD
The Gatehouse (0785 54653)
Aladdin
December 16-January 7
STEVENAGE
Gordon Craig (0438 766866)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 9-January 21
STOCKPORT
Davenport Theatre (061 483 3801)
Mother Goose
December 16-January 29
SUNDERLAND
Empire Theatre (091 514 2517)
Dick Whittington and His Cat
December 15-January 8
SWINDON
Wyvern Theatre (0793 524481)
Dick Whittington
December 12-January 14
TAUNTON
Brewhouse (0823 283244)
Hansel and Gretel
January 3-7
TEWKESBURY
Roses Theatre (0684 295074)
Cinderella
December 20-January 7
TORQUAY
Princess Theatre (0803 290290)
Dick Whittington
December 16-January 14
TUNBRIDGE WELLS
Assembly Hall (0892 530613)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 16-January 8
WAKEFIELD
Theatre Royal & Opera House (0924 366556)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 8-January 7
WARRINGTON
Parr Hall (0925 634958)
Dick Whittington
January 6-14
WATFORD
Palace Theatre (0923 225671)
The Sleeping Beauty
December 9-January 14
WESTON SUPER MARE
Playhouse Theatre (0934 645544)
Peter Pan
December 26-January 21
WEYMOUTH
Pavilion (0305 783225)
Peter Pan
December 27-January 8
WHITLEY BAY
Playhouse (091 252 3505)
The New Adventures of Pinocchio
December 12-17
WINCHESTER
Theatre Royal (0962 843434)
Jack and the Beanstalk
December 9-January 7
Nicholas Parsons
WINDSOR
Theatre Royal (0753 853888)
Mother Goose
December 16-January 14
Peter Davison
WOKING
New Victoria Theatre (0483 747422)
Goldilocks and the Three Bears
December 16-January 28
Russ Abbot
WOLVERHAMPTON
Grand Theatre (0902 29212)
Cinderella
December 17-February 5
WORCESTER
Swan (0905 27322)
Toad Of Toad Hall
December 2-January 7
WORTHING
Connaught (0903 235333)
Cinderella
December 15-January 15
Pavilion (0903 820500)
Fantastic Mr Fox
December 16-31
YEOVIL
Octagon Theatre (0935 22884)
Babes in the Wood
December 16-January 8
YORK
Grand Opera House (0904 671818)
Aladdin
December 19-January 21
Theatre Royal (0904 623568)
Sleeping Beauty
December 13-January 28

SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN
Capitol Theatre (0224 641122)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 8-January 7
AYR
Gaiety Theatre (0292 264 639)
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
December 2-January 21
DUNDEE
Repertory Theatre (0382 223530)
Beauty and the Beast
November 25-January 14
EDINBURGH
Festival Theatre (031 529 6000)
The Scottish Ballet:
The Nutcracker
December 28-January 7
King's Theatre (031 220 4349)
Babes in the Wood
December 6-January 28
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Perth Theatre (0738 621031)
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Not such simple Simons

John Patten praises two iconoclastic journalists whose lash he has felt

Both of these men are talented, called Simon, and have publishers who think that their daily ephemera in *The Guardian* and *The Times* are worthy of something more permanent. They have also — on separate occasions — crossed our threshold.

I feel I should declare this, though in doing so I hope that I can escape knee-jerk charges of literary partiality by recalling that I have felt the lash of both of them in their columns. However, I have long thought that it is time that the whole business of book reviewing was brought under control. Being a Conservative, I prefer voluntary self-regulation to a nationalised framework. Can I suggest that Sir Kingsley Amis is approached by the Royal Society of Literature to take charge of the matter, from his vantage point at the north-eastern end of the Garrick Club's bar?

Of course, there will have to be sub-committees under Sir Kingsley, to regulate mutual book-puffing not only by novelists but also by political writers, in the interests of a level literary killing field. This might well be delegated to Alan Watkins, the doyen of the profession, and, like Sir Kingsley, usefully both Welsh and a member of the Garrick Club. His task would not be so onerous as that of the controller of novelists, for I suspect that — taking their cue from those of us that they observe — political writers are quite brisk in their judgments of each other as well as of ministers or MPs. That is what they are paid for.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION
By Simon Hoggart
Robson. £11.95

AGAINST THE GRAIN
By Simon Jenkins
John Murray. £17.99

Here we have, in their different ways, two of the best of the breed. Hoggart, who is a political nonconformist and outsider, chooses the chambers of both Houses for his arena of activity; Jenkins picks the wider world related to Parliament, but seen through the prism of the Establishment, of which he is a decorative member.

Why have they been published at all? Because they are there, and also because history has shown that there is a profit in it. But, as Jenkins himself writes, work like theirs is in direct line of descent from the tracts and sermons of the 17th- and 18th-century propagandists. In the end such pamphleteering efforts often ended up between hard covers: so why not contemporary newspaper columns?

Will they be of any lasting interest? Yes: Surtees, when he was writing of the doings of Mr Jorrocks or of Mr Sponge, was producing serial works which were thought to be dangerous or at least biting satire in Victorian England. Yet they have become important documents for social historians of the 19th century. I think Hoggart's pointed sketches and Jenkins's deliberately awkward essays will, because they are both very good, be invaluable to political historians of the later 20th century.

Take Hoggart first. He is a sort of thinking man's Matthew Parris, and writes beautifully. On a moment of passing embarrassment in the chamber of the House of Commons for Nicholas Soames, for example: "I was sitting immediately above Mr Soames, and was able to study his bald head as it coped with the enormity of his mistake. First his scalp turned pink, then scarlet, vermillion, magenta, and finally the deepest, the richest, the most purple hue I have ever seen upon a human being. It was a wondrous colour and then ... it must truly be counted one of nature's miracles. It had vanished within a minute, but like the aurora borealis, or Halley's Comet, it was an unforgettable phenomenon which I shall one day describe to my grandchildren." But he also brilliantly observes the outward signs of the inward political process by which one becomes leader of the Labour Party or a junior minister in a Tory government.

Jenkins, by comparison, has more words allowed to him by *The Times*, and so dives beneath the surface which Hoggart deliberately skims. Jenkins's prose is of a very high order, a prose with which George Orwell would have been pretty happy. Any irritation comes not from the style but because of his speciality in self-consciously standing the world upside-down every time: sometimes he'd serve the cause of political analysis more by looking the world straight in the eye the right way up.

One day he may also be given an escape hatch through which to pop so he can better help to run the mandarin world against which he sets so many of his splendid columnar stage plays. His essay on Lord Franks, striding across the High Street in Oxford and scattering buses this way and that, looking like the original pillar of the Establishment, is masterful. One of the colleges which line that handsome street might indeed shortly snap him up. That, or some other suitable vantage point away from the iron daily discipline of the word processor, would help to give him a greater sense of proportion.

For, as one of the greatest critics of the quango, which he sees as a latter day plague, he might ponder the reality. For what else are those committees of the great ones, which he favours, but simply bigger versions of the little battalions of lesser public servants labouring away on health service trusts or grant maintained school boards that he so deprecates?

On the matter of snapping-up: should anyone pick up either of these volumes? Only if you are not a serial reader of newspapers like most politicians: if you are, you have read them before and very recently. If not, either would be an excellent present to be accumulated by the early Christmas shopper.

John Patten, MP, was Education Secretary, 1992-1994.



In the areas around the Belfast "peacelines" a second generation is now growing up accustomed to an atmosphere of sectarian violence. From *Interface Images* by Frankie Quinn (Belfast Exposed Community Photography Group, 48 King St, Belfast, £5)

The infernal serpents of Ireland

Walter Ellis

ANCESTRAL VOICES
Religion and Nationalism in Ireland
By Conor Cruise O'Brien
Poolbeg. £7.99 pbk original

THE ENEMY WITHIN
The IRA's War Against the British
By Martin Dillon
Doubleday. £16.99

Conor Cruise O'Brien holds what must be a unique place in Irish life and letters. A southern Catholic, of impeccable Republican ancestry, who has pursued a glittering, if controversial life in the service of his country, he has ended a kind of Ulster Unionist manqué.

Unionists, however, should not imagine that he has embraced their faith wholesale. O'Brien embraces nothing wholesale. His skill is in seeing through a glass darkly. Were he to cut adrift entirely from his Dublin roots — which is not about to happen — and move to Belfast, he would undoubtedly end up a severe and penetrating critic of the northern Protestant tradition.

Criticism, in the proper sense, is in his bones. He goes behind the rhetoric to the innermost demons that drive events. To him, as to Freud, it is the unsaid that speaks most volubly. He analyses not the torrents of words issuing from Irish mouths, but the wellspring, deep within the national psyche, that feeds them.

In this, his latest book, a kind of intellectual companion to his classic *States of Ireland*, published in 1972, he exhibits a continuing pessimism about Irish nationalism and the Irish Catholic Church. The two, he says, are in cahoots, consciously and unconsciously, to wipe out Protestantism and unionism in Ireland and thus to avenge the "Irish Irish" for their centuries of oppression.

No one is spared. The current peace process, conducted in the public arena by John Major and Albert Reynolds, is seen by O'Brien as a sham in which the senior partner, with his own, dark agenda, is Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, aided by John Hume, leader of the SDLP.

But, more to the point, Adams is presented as being himself in thrall to the ancestral voices of the book's title. Ireland's strongest impulses, according to O'Brien, are determined by ghosts: "When constitutional nationalists try to compete with the Provos for the 'Republican banner' (Albert Reynolds's phrase) they end up dancing to the Provos' tune, as Mr Reynolds has been doing since December 1993. What is important is to realise what gives the Provos their strength: the cult of the dead, which is now an incubus on the living Irish people."

Who the ghosts are is the stuff of ancient argument. O'Brien concentrates on two men: Theobald Wolfe Tone, founder and inspiration of the United Irishmen, who committed suicide in a Dublin jail in 1798, and Patrick Pearse, the half-English demagogue and mystic, whose ravings, more than any other single factor, led to the 1916 Easter Rising.

In a brilliant and sustained critique, amply laced with humour and invective, O'Brien blames Pearse first for twisting Tone's catechism of the Enlightenment, complete with French revolutionary fervour, into a precursor of his own, depraved vision of an Ireland dominated by the Catholic Church and false Gaelic imperatives, constantly demanding the blood sacrifice of its children. He then lambasts the nationalist or Catholic people of Ireland for heeding this "sacral" view of their destiny to the exclusion of all else.

The process, he argues, now solemnised as a "peace process" is moving towards what could be its final cataclysm: civil war. "The 'men of violence' on the Catholic and nationalist side, instead of being 'marginalised' have now become integrated into a pan-Catholic and pan-nationalist consensus, along with the SDLP, the Dublin Government and the Catholic Church." He concludes: "Things are not better than they were before the [IRA] ceasefire. They are worse."

Martin Dillon, described by O'Brien as "the greatest living authority on Irish terrorism ... our Virgil to that Inferno in all the varieties of its torments", has meanwhile come up with an admirable successor to his several volumes on loyalist paramilitary violence. Having recounted the many horrors of the IRA, he then quotes a "senior Provisional" as "laughing" at media claims that the Downing Street declaration had marginalised Adams and thrown the Provos into turmoil.

"We knew what we were at. We reminded the Brits of our seriousness when they became casual ...we threw a few mortars into Heathrow. It was a classic warning that we should not be dismissed. This is not over until a proper settlement is negotiated." These are the men the British Government is about to do business with.

Fair is foul for Balkan tyranny

Charlotte Moore

THE CONCERT
By Ismail Kadare
Harvill. £15.99

A lemon tree is delivered on the first page of this complex and compelling novel. It sits, largely ignored, on a balcony, surrounded by rubbish, "devoting itself to its own *raison d'être*". On the last page it is found to have produced a small lemon. In the interim, Mao has died; China has severed its alliance with Albania; Victor Hila, ostracised for treading on the foot of a Chinese visitor, has been blinded in an industrial "accident"; Skender Bermema's novel has died within him, starved of oxygen by the inhumanity of the Chinese; and the young, attractive Linda has begun an affair with Skender's rival.

Meanwhile, the lemon tree goes about its business of producing fruit. Does its fragility and loneliness make it an object of pity, or does its indifferent resilience cause all the novel's other events, local and international, to dwindle into insignificance? Ismail Kadare explores this duality in his treatment of the constant to-ing and fro-ing between mighty China and Albania, its tiny toe-hold in the West.

Aeroplanes, birds, meteorites and spy satellites cross and recross the vast silent spaces, but "all these put together were as nothing compared with the infinite space of the sky". Kadare is masterful in his ability to convey to us the desolation of polar wastes, of deserts, of the featureless paddy fields worked by Chinese poets and novelists, now brainwashed by the atrocities of the Cultural Revolution into a condition of mental featurelessness that matches their landscape.

Politics and politicians shrink to the size of dust motes against such a backdrop. And yet the aeroplanes travelling through the emptiness carry documents that bring security or starvation for millions. Kadare returns again and again to the liquidation of Lin Biao, former member of Mao's Politburo, whose plane came down in flames in the middle of the Mongolian desert. The charred body strapped to the wreckage finds its counterpart in the figure of the decaying Mao himself, lurking in an underground cave, talking to the rocks like a malignant hermit, hatching vain empires in the twilight.

Their story is linked, through the imagination of the writer Skender Bermema (a self-portrait?) to the story of Macbeth. Lin Biao becomes a not-so-innocent Duncan, and Mao's wife Jiang Qing is a monstrous Lady Macbeth, determined to unsex not only herself but all women in memory of an ancient insult.

"The writer," Kadare asserts, "is the natural enemy of dictatorship." Shakespeare is acknowledged as a subversive force in Mao's China and in Hoxha's Albania. It is beautifully fitting that the iniquities of unimaginable ambition should be exposed by a Shakespearean parallel. *The Concert* shows us a system in which truth has become so equivocal that when senile Aunt Hasiye confuses past and present, the living and the dead — "there have never been any Chinese here. You must have dreamt it" — her view of reality seems to make as much sense as any other.

Fragments shored against the ruin

Ian Brunskill

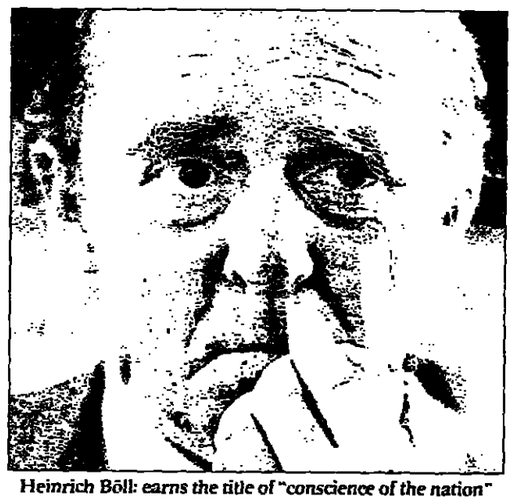
THE SILENT ANGEL
By Heinrich Böll
Andre Deutsch. £14.99

Whether campaigning on behalf of East European dissidents or protesting at the West German response to Baader-Meinhof terrorism, Heinrich Böll was an insistent champion of individual freedoms against the encroachments of the State. He may once have rejected as "madness" the title of "conscience of the nation", but his restatement of unpopular beliefs, even in the face of the vilification he endured in the early 1970s, seems to invite such description.

During the latter part of his career, between his Nobel Prize in 1972 and his death in 1985, even Böll himself admitted that his prominent role in public life had come to overshadow his work as a writer. Yet, as Breon Mitchell's English translation of his first novel confirms, the distinction between literary and non-literary activity is in Böll's case a false one: if he brought a writer's voice to his involvement in contemporary history, it was a historian's eye that his writing turned on the contemporary world.

But Böll's is a history played out in individual fates and states of mind, not in abstract processes or great events. While other postwar writers embraced the certainties of party politics (Günter Grass) or the radical scepticism of extreme opposition (Hans Magnus Enzensberger), Böll placed his literary reputation at the service of an activism that was above all humanist and moral. In this as in much else, his first novel prepares the ground for the works that followed.

Written between 1949 and 1951, *Der Engel schwieg* (*The Silent Angel*) was not published in Germany until 1992. The reasons for the delay are not clear. His English publishers suggest that "no publisher at the time was prepared to take the book on, fearing the true-to-life descriptions of a war-torn city were too harrowing for the German public to cope with". This is far-fetched. Chapters and episodes were published or broadcast individually at the time. The novel published in its stead in 1951, *Wo warst du, Adam?*, is itself a war novel, while elements of the rejected narrative were incorporated into later works, notably *Und sagte kein einziges Wort*.



Heinrich Böll: earns the title of "conscience of the nation"

In any case, vivid though its portrait of poverty, hunger and desperation undoubtedly is, *The Silent Angel* is one of the less vehement examples of *Trümmerliteratur*, the postwar plays and novels which picked over the rubble of a devastated Germany. Like so many of Böll's works, this story of a soldier returning to the ruins of what is recognisably the author's native Cologne is in fact an austerely evocative love story, in which isolated, intermittently articulate individuals, neither wholly good nor wholly bad, grope towards some fragile human contact, their bleak existences redeemed by glimmers of decency and grace.

There is little in the way of drama. Episodes are self-contained: here as throughout his subsequent career, Böll reveals himself as at heart a writer of short stories. Characters remain elusive, their motives not always easy to fathom, their encounters fleeting and almost random. Minor figures are more sharply drawn than the main protagonists. In so far as there is an argument it is an oblique and specialised one, to which Böll returned again and again, about the conflict between personal faith and the worldly manifestations of the German Catholic Church.

In short, there are weaknesses enough to explain the original decision not to publish. What justifies the decision more than 40 years later to publish after all is the sympathy with which the novel's spare, limpid prose captures a particular moment of German history, the dusty, doubt-filled limbo between ruin and reconstruction. *The Silent Angel* is a poignant first chapter in Böll's 35-year chronicle of postwar Germany.

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THOSE English critics who despair that the value of "a rattling good read" is too often underestimated by the judges of our literary prizes, and suspect literary innovation to be at odds with good old-fashioned realism, will envy the French their 1993 Prix Goncourt winner, Amin Maalouf.

Maalouf, who was born in Lebanon, had already signalled his loyalty to the Arab story-telling tradition in *Leo The African*, *The First Century After Beatrice* and *Samarkand*, a syncopation on the life of Omar Khayam and the textual history of the *Rubaiyat*. In *The Rock of Tanios* his understated and clinically structured technique produces a novel which asks all the questions pertinent to the post-colonial condition ("who can ever tell because of what look, what word, what sneer, a man suddenly finds himself an outsider among his own people?"), but does so with a languid readability that renders the didactic experience painless.

Contemplating a rock on the Mediterranean coast which bears the name of a man, the narrator slides into an imagined history of Tanios, son of Gerios, major domo in the palace of a sheikh whose libidinous excesses are infamous and whose fascination with Gerios' wife, the most beautiful woman in the village, casts doubt over the identity of Tanios' father.

Ruling pasha of Paris



Maalouf: universal themes

Giles Coren

THE ROCK OF TANIOS
By Amin Maalouf
Quartet. £15

When a faux-pas by the village idiot alerts the adolescent Tanios to the uncertainty of his parentage he flees the village to become involved with a neighbouring potentate and enemy to the sheikh. All would be well, and relatively insignificant in the scale of things, were it not for the fact that British and French interests are at odds in this particular corner of the Levant, where the Egyptian Pashas are struggling against Ottoman domination.

High political intrigue follows as Tanios struggles to do the right thing by his class, his country, and himself, and Maalouf renders the whole in the manner of a fairy tale. All the Sheikh's subjects wear moustaches in imitation of their leader, but woe betide the man whose hirsute efforts outstrip his master. The baddies, by contrast, "wore long beards which were visible from a distance".

THE FICTION is woven around the documented murder of a real 19th-century patriarch, but unlike so many of our own novelists, who treat the past as a playground for showing off, Maalouf uses it as a way of placing the present at a critical distance. In this he follows the example of Naguib Mahfouz, godfather of modern Arab fiction and Nobel prizewinner; like Mahfouz, he deals in universal themes: marital, filial, and social fidelity occupying the novels discursive centre.

Though the moral tone of this work is reminiscent of Mahfouz, Maalouf, unlike his older rival, writes with the wit, levity and self awareness of a modern novelist working in the European tradition, and his work, as a result, is not only more accessible, but more fun.

Peter Mandler compares two histories of the greatest quango of them all and argues that it would benefit from more investigation

Can the nation trust the National Trust?

GILDING THE ACORN
Behind the Facade of the National Trust
By Paula Weideger
Simon & Schuster, £17.99

FROM ACORN TO OAK TREE
The Growth of the National Trust, 1985-1994
By Jennifer Jenkins and Patrick James
Macmillan, £20

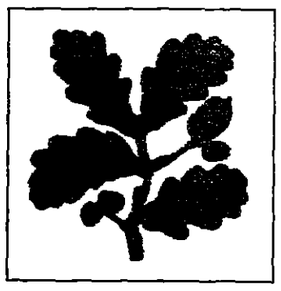
It was once, supposedly, the British way of doing things. Shun central government and State control, and confide the public interest to voluntary organisations. The two great levelling forces of the 20th century — nationalisation and privatisation — changed all that. The "public interest" was redefined, how public services were best administered was reinterpreted. Is it a good thing that the National Trust has remained largely insulated from this national debate? The process of slow, incremental, organic growth of which the Trust is so proud has produced a Frankenstein's monster of a body, pieced together haphazardly and rarely with reference to the public whose interest it is supposed to serve.

The Trust was founded a century ago to hold and protect beauty-spots and ancient monuments which the State would not or could not defend itself. Parliament was delighted to grant the Trust statutory powers and privileges, so the Trust became a peculiar kind of quango: self-appointed but with public responsibilities. It was taken over in the 1930s by two minorities among the landowning class — aesthetes and Liberals — who hoped to use it to salvage country houses and estates.

The collapse of the landed aristocracy and the rise of tourism after 1945 combined to deliver to the Trust land, houses and membership beyond its wildest dreams. By the 1960s, the Trust's landed leadership had come to appear amateurish, elitist and aesthetically narrow. After an internal inquiry, it kept its leadership intact but professionalised its administration, leading to another quantum leap in membership and confusing its identity even further.

Today the Trust is still a private charity with a self-perpetuating leadership. But it is also a body specially empowered by statute to defend the public interest, a recipient of huge government grants, the nation's largest private landowner, and (with over two million subscribers) a gigantic membership organisation. It thus presents a ridiculously wide target for criticism, of which Paula Weideger, an American journalist, has taken full advantage in *Gilding the Acorn*.

Far too easily she plays one portion of the Trust's history and responsibility off against another. Sometimes she argues that the Trust is a featherbed for aristocrats preserving their wealth and authority at public expense. At other points she complains that it is an impersonal bureaucracy which lacks the paternal feeling and rootedness of the old seigneurs. It's too amateurish and too professional. It's also too centralised, but the only specific reform she proposes would create a smaller central board formally cut off from the membership.



And yet *Gilding the Acorn* cuts through the Trust's history and politics like a blast of fresh air. It is littered with silly little mistakes, but none are to my eye significant. The overall impression is accurate, well-judged and constructive, if necessarily incoherent. The frequent changes of viewpoint — there are chapters on squires, bureaucrats, troublemakers, gardeners, tenant farmers and shepherds — are befuddling but vital. Weideger's breezy style will not please everyone: but it wrenches arresting frankness from startled toffs and plebs alike.

Weideger's is, amazingly, the first full "unofficial" inquiry into the Trust's work. How badly it is needed is evident from the latest official history, commissioned by the Trust for its centenary from its recent past chairman, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, who wrote *From Acorn to Oak Tree* with the assistance of the otherwise anonymous Patrick James.

The book reads as if caught in a time-warp of 1950s vintage. Few of the reversals and contradictions evident to Weideger disturb the stately advance of Jenkins's Whig story-telling. Local difficulties are always resolved happily, thanks to the British genius for voluntary organisations. Chaps are invariably described as "able", homosexuals presented as bachelors, nephews "brought onto" the board by their uncles, reform is achieved by "independent" inquiries made by fellow board members.

Dame Jennifer was supposed to be part of this reform process — the first woman, the first non-landowner since the 1930s to chair the Trust — but she seems to have gone native. "Obviously new people join the staff," Lady Emma Tennant tells Weideger, "but you soon get into our way of thinking and doing things." Dame Jennifer has been succeeded by Lord Chorley, one of the Trust's hereditary elite, and a man who comes out particularly poorly from Weideger's account.

One of Weideger's most insistent complaints is that the professionalisation of the Trust has only thrown up a denser fog of self-serving propaganda. So it is with this official history: what purpose could it serve but publicity? Only six years ago the Trust's chief agent, John Gaze, published another official history, *Figures in a Landscape*. It was woolly, anecdotal and rather rough-hewn, but far more comprehensive and in its way more objective than this glossy new product, clearly aimed at the Christmas coffee table.

Weideger raises a host of questions about the Trust which she can't answer, but which the official histories or internal inquiries can't answer either. Yet as the Trust gets larger, the public will need some reassurance that its long-term interests are being served by this great self-appointed quango. What better way to generate a constructive public debate than to appoint a Royal Commission of inquiry, such as has been used in the past to chivvy into reform those other great self-appointed quangos, Oxford and Cambridge? This, too, is a British way of doing things.

Chairman of chaos

Simon Sebag Montefiore

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF CHAIRMAN MAO
By Zhisui Li
Chatto & Windus, £20

History will always be grateful that Chairman Mao was observed from 1954 to his death in 1976 by a perceptive, cultured doctor who survived every purge to write this account of what he saw. It is hard to recommend his book highly enough: even comparisons with Suetonius or Tacitus really do not capture the intimacy, sensitivity and humanity of the writing. There have been many books about the Great Helmsman, but *The Private Life of Chairman Mao* is the first that catches his personality, his style, the way he talked and the lens through which he saw the world. As one reads on, it becomes clear that this is also the best political life of Mao yet written.

Zhisui Li was a Western-educated doctor practising in Australia when the Communists triumphed in 1949: he returned. In 1954, he was appointed Mao's private doctor. At first, despite his background (his grandfather had been the Emperor's doctor), he worships the Chairman. But as he observes the callous tyranny of Mao, his vile personal habits, the privileged luxury of the cadres and the terror in which they all lived, he comes to despise his master. But he cannot escape until Mao dies 22 years later.

Indeed, the book begins with that death. Dr Li is instructed to embalm his master, but he has no idea how to go about it. He injects gallons of formaldehyde; the Chairman's whole body expands alarmingly. Panic ensues. Sinister generals accuse the doctor of poisoning Mao. The Gang of Four lurks in the shadows. This is a scene of macabre farce: not only does the Emperor have no clothes, but he is also swollen to the size of a balloon.

The essence of the book is the character of Mao himself: he ruled China from bed, clad in open dressing gowns, reading, writing, talking, never apparently going near an office. What struck me was not so much his peasant habits — not brushing his teeth, for example — but the terrifying restlessness of his political mind that was constantly (even in his last year) attacking his own party leadership, creating new witchhunts, going on almost monthly tours to whip up support from the provinces against the centre.



Radical kitsch: commissioned by Levi's jeans from Jean-Paul Goude for an abortive advertising campaign, this montage of Mao and Kosygin, the Soviet premier, appeared in 1974. From *Nova: 1965-1975* (Pavilion, £15.99 pbk)

To him, the suffering his shenanigans caused to millions of victims was irrelevant.

Gradually, Li realised that virtually the entire Politburo was suffering from illnesses that were the psychological result of endless bureaucratic stress. Mao himself was ill when he was politically down — and impotent too. His potency returned with political triumphs. Mao's sexual antics are described clinically. Li treats Mao's teenage concubines for venereal diseases, including genital herpes, but the Chairman himself refuses to be treated at all.

Li met everybody from Khrushchev to Nixon, and witnessed Mao's cruel games that led to the brilliantly described Cultural Revolution. There is Jiang Qing, Mao's paranoid neurotic wife; the mentally unstable Lin Biao, Mao's doomed successor; that urbane sycophant Premier Chou En-lai; the evil, schizophrenic secret policeman Kang Sheng and that shrewd, pragmatic diminutive, Deng Xiao-ping, who is purged thrice but always returns. One of the saddest moments is when Li sees a crowd of thugs beating China's grey-haired head of state, Liu Shoaqi, on Mao's bidding, not far from Mao's home. Li watches, then hurries away.

Always, Li's character steps lightly through this maze of murder and intrigue, frankly seeing right and wrong but knowing that his only real missions are to keep Mao alive as long as possible — and to survive to protect his family. Li's portrait of this shuffling giant, reading ancient Chinese history and constantly dreaming up chaos, ranks as one of the most vivid descriptions of a dictator ever written.

Time to drop the pilot

Radek Sikorski

THE NAKED PRESIDENT
A Political Life of Lech Walesa
By Roger Boyes
Secker & Warburg, £20



Walesa amuses the Queen

THE rise and fall of Lech Walesa — from peasant and worker revolutionary, to Nobel prizewinner and President of Poland, to today's lonely figure, isolated in the presidential palace — is the stuff of Shakespearean drama. It would be hard to make the tale less than mesmerising, and Roger Boyes does not disappoint. This is the first thorough investigation of a man whose face will forever be associated with the victory over communism, and its results are revealing: almost everyone who has ever been a Walesa supporter now denounces him.

In the Walesas' home village in Popowo in Central Poland, the family had the reputation of being improvident and fickle. At the Lenin shipyard, where Walesa jumped simultaneously onto an electric forklift cart and the world scene by leading the 1980 strike which launched Solidarity, he is still resented for the arbitrary manner in which he took over the free trade union movement.

The left-wing intellectuals who advised him in the 1980s denounce him as a threat to democracy. The right-wing politicians who helped him to win the presidency call him a traitor to their cause, and mutter darkly about secret police files from the 1970s which suggest that Walesa was briefly a police informer and allegedly explain his soft spot for Communist security officers. At each stage of his career, Walesa has had to reinvent himself, dropping his earlier persona, principles and friends. At the top of the ladder now, having kicked away every step on which he had climbed, Walesa is now surrounded with yes-men.

He is still capable of flashes of genius. Walesa's speech at the anniversary celebrations for the Warsaw uprising earlier this year was the best political speech made in Poland since independence was regained in 1989. His old instinct — as well as political self-interest — is probably also right in arguing for a presidential system of government. He could have done more damage had he adopted populist economics and turned against market reform. (In fact, the chairman of the central bank, Walesa's nominee, is an anchor of monetary responsibility.)

BUT, on the whole, this has been a disappointing presidency, and the fault is largely Walesa's own. Instead of forging his victorious coalition into a Polish Republican Party which could rule Poland for a generation, he has tried to divide and rule, making himself hostage to no one but gaining nobody's allegiance.

Boyes is right in ascribing Walesa's failure at institutional politics to the very qualities that made him such an effective revolutionary: unpredictability, secretiveness, the talent for a sudden stunt, a penchant for bluff. Like Mikhail Gorbachev, he has proven a genius of destruction. When it came to the painstaking job of building institutions and nurturing democracy, both men proved a failure.

I would have liked Boyes to have done even more original investigating. If it is possible to trawl through Stella Rimington's accounts for a few hundred pounds, it should be possible to establish whether Walesa tells the truth in denying having bank accounts in London. He could have followed the trail of corruption leading to Walesa's presidential palace. In one case, Mr Mieczyslaw Wachowski, Walesa's chauffeur turned minister of state was forced to return a bribe of several thousand dollars.

But the advantage of writing about history that is still in the making is that subsequent editions can make the story even better in the light of new developments. In the case of *The Naked President*, each future edition promises to be funnier than the last. Boyes could, for example, describe the bizarre incident of a fortnight ago when Walesa, at a lunch during military exercises, dressed in a battlefield uniform, required assembled generals to have a vote on whether or not they liked the minister of defence, a one-time Walesa crony whom the President, as usual, no longer trusts. Boyes is to be congratulated on a bold undertaking, superbly told.

Radek Sikorski was Poland's deputy defence minister from February to June 1992 in the Olszewski government under President Lech Walesa.

Kooky heroine of a self-pitying generation

Amanda Craig

WHO WILL RUN THE FROG HOSPITAL?
By Lorrie Moore
Faber, £14.99

THERE is a type of kooky un-English heroine, best captured to date by Truman Capote and Colette, who performs a high wire act between pathos and bathos, innocence and experience. Properly accomplished, her voice can be one of the most affecting and comical in fiction; improperly, and it is tiresomely cute.

Berie, the narrator of Lorrie Moore's second novel, is just such a creation. An American on holiday with her unfaithful husband in Paris, unhappily married and doomed to childlessness, she recalls her adolescent "emotional business partner" Sils Chaussée in Horsehearts, near Canada.

Aged 15, both worked in Storyland, the local amusement park based on fairytale themes. Beautiful, gifted Sils is Cinderella: plain, smart Berie works the till. Whereas Berie comes from an eccentric but middle-class family, Sils, appropriately, is from a poor and problematic background. Already initiated into sex, she becomes pregnant by her boyfriend. In order to pay for her friend's abortion, Berie (like Riva in Moore's excellent debut, *Self Help*) steals from the cash register. As punishment, she is sent away from the small town where she and Sils craved adventure, "anticipation playing in the heart like an orchestra tuning and warming, the notes unwed and fabulous and crazed."

The odd title comes from Sils's painting of two little girls with wounded frogs: even in their fairytale setting they know that frogs cannot be saved, let alone turned into princes. In Paris, Berie tells a story about a girl who refuses to restore an enchanted prince to form because "at this point in my life I'm actually more interested in a talking frog", a joke which beautifully underpins the book's humour, and its evasion of suffering.

The dreamy curiosity of adolescence, the turbulence of growing up in the counterculture are all evoked with the sprightly concision that is Moore's hallmark; she captures the pitch of intense adolescent friendship to perfection. Virginal Berie is hypnotised by Sils to the extent that she is accused of being lesbian. This, thankfully, is not developed, but leads to the adult Berie's realisation that she has become "sour, mean, sophisticated... not nice, the way Sils was nice." Her conclusion — puzzling because we are never really shown Sils being particularly kind — is inadequate as an epiphany, and unworthy of the ironic Proustianism (mashed brains) with which Berie begins her journey into memory.

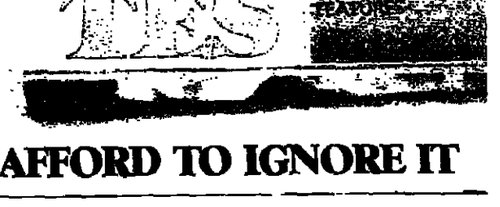
This novel, then, falls between the affecting and the cute. Moore continues to write in the first person — tricky, if aspiring to be more than Me-generation confessional, though not, as Scott Fitzgerald demonstrated, incompatible with the greatest American fiction. The concluding image of perfection as self-loss, singing in a choir, suggests a conscious yearning for just what is missing in her fables. One hopes the lively and intelligent Moore succeeds, as Berie does not, in "splitting" her voice. Those who enjoy witty self-pity will love this book, but I for one hope the kooky crumbles.

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CHESTER

Chester is a city sensitive to its rich past while also taking on the challenges of the future. **Ronald Faux** reports

Heritage with a hard edge

Within its walls, Chester contains 2,000 years of British history, not sterilised in a museum but woven into the everyday fabric of the city. Chester called an early halt to the Sixties determination to exchange fine architecture for the carbuncles and mediocrity that scarred so many northern town and city centres. The city fathers of the time wisely invested a one-penny rate in a conservation fund, acquiring key sites and ensuring that vulnerable buildings were kept in good order.

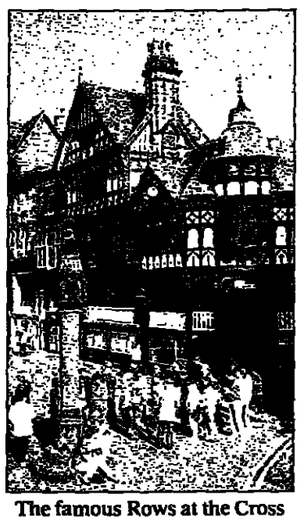
"They called a halt to the bulldozers early on, realising that the ambience and atmosphere of Chester were a foundation for the future. The correctness of that decision is all around us," Paul Durham, chief executive of Chester city council, says.

The city centre is held intact: land values and rents in Chester are among the highest in the North West, second only to Manchester. History brings five million visitors every year to the city to wander around the walls and the world-famous Rows, the delightful galleried streets serving tiers of shops that radiate from the town cross, where from Easter to September visitors are greeted by the town crier.

Ambience and atmosphere attract new industry to the business park and industrial estate on the edge of the city: last year's influx was valued at more than £150 million. More than 3,000 people work in the financial services sector alone, and the city is pressing hard through partnerships between local authority and local industry to promote Chester as a destination for commercial investment.

Yet this image of an ancient, affluent and bustling city conceals a few unpleasant facts which the council has to address. Recession, cuts at British Aerospace, and even the closure years ago of Shotton steel works have left pockets of severe deprivation in the city. A further 2,000 jobs may be lost in local manufacturing and aerospace industries in the immediate future. But while areas in the Wirral and on Merseyside retain a strong case for government assistance, Chester has lost its Objective 2 status and, with that, its eligibility for both European Regional Development Funding and European Social Funding, as well as grants from the Rural Development Commission. Together this could mean a loss to Chester of up to £10 million a year.

In addition, rate-capping had required a £2.5 million cut in the city's budget in one year alone, achieved by decimating the capital budget. This is bound to have an impact on the development of projects and activities included under the Chester Action Plan, a partnership initiative involving more than 300 organisations — public, private and voluntary — in the city.



The famous Rows at the Cross

A wide range of projects has begun under the plan to improve the city's 4,000 unfit dwellings, and to provide more park and ride sites on the edge of the city, adding to the service which already saves 250,000 car journeys a year into the narrow streets of central Chester.

Mr Durham says: "I can't help thinking that one of Chester's weaknesses is a lack of understanding that it does need an appropriate level of help to pump-prime schemes for which there will always be a positive private-sector response. We have become increasingly creative in trying to find ways through all these frustrations, but we cannot escape the fact that the amount available to reinvest in this city becomes more and more restricted. You cannot rely solely on Chester's heritage as the only attraction in the portfolio offered to potential investors. You need something rather more hard-edged than that, especially when other areas close by have so many more inducements to offer."

The Chester Action Programme set a target of creating 1,000 new jobs in the city a year. Sarah John, economic development officer, points out that the 1,600 jobs created in the city last year put Chester ahead of target, with private sector investment of £130 million. "Chester still ranks as an intermediate area so we have some assisted status to help promotion. But we must be sure to present the heritage and culture of the city as it is and not try to change it for a particular audience.

"You must retain the character and spontaneity of the British way of life, which would include working elements around it. People are fascinated by heritage, by what we produce. They like watching other people work, whether at crafts or on the sharp end of technology. Americans in particular value the British heritage but we must be careful not to mothball everything," she says.

The importance of heritage to the city could be measured by the number of inquiries handled by the tourist information centre in the town hall. This has doubled in a decade. The ancient heart of the city contains an impressive concentration of high-quality shops, making Chester one of the busiest retailing centres in Britain. The pressure which such popularity generates in itself creates problems, and Chester is the subject of a major environmental capacity study, one of the first of its kind in Europe.

The city has a strategy for further capitalising on its cultural assets with festivals of music and art. It plays an active part in the proposed North West Film Commission, promoting the region's locations and hoping to persuade the film industry to use Chester's historic settings as a unique backdrop.

RONALD FAUX



Chester cathedral looms at the end of historic St Werburgh Street

Studies and strategies for the city are being generated all the time, but they point to the one direction of sensitive development of Chester's rich inheritance. The city may be strongly walled, but the heritage contained within is a fragile but vital element in the quality of life that has attracted so many companies and individuals to live there.

Outside Mr Durham's office in the town hall, workmen were demolishing the concrete ramparts of the building next door. It was only 25 years old, one of the few Sixties creations that crept through. A new construction with yet more retail space, and a new approach for the Forum Theatre in keeping with historic Chester, will soon occupy the space.

The chief executive places much faith in the overall future strategy. "The main keys are the partnership between public and private sectors, a coherent vision developing for the community, the city and the district around Chester, and capitalising successfully on the tremendous asset which the historic city is. But that must be used to address the real social and economic needs that any community faces, particularly in the North of England."

Jobs for the new century

Under its cloak of affluence, Chester has the problems of any other city

Chester, for all its rich heritage and apparent affluence, wears its heart on its sleeve when it is conceded that "high unemployment, rising social stress and increasing economic instability" threaten the city's aspirations to long-term prosperity.

These problems have been identified as challenges to be faced by the Chester Action Programme, an initiative based on a partnership between the public, private and voluntary sectors, which is striving to achieve a strategy to take the city of 117,000 people forward into the next millennium.

The programme has assessed the city's considerable assets and achievements, but as a framework document outlining proposed action points out, it has also unmasked Chester's hidden problems that have been shielded from view by an image of affluence.

It says the city — a centre for investment and one of Britain's tourist jewels — has a serious imbalance between the manufacturing and service sectors, harbours urban homelessness and suffers a shortage of affordable rural housing and of job opportunities. In addition, it faces the high cost of sustaining its rich city centre heritage.

> 'We know that we can address the challenges ahead'

According to the city council, there is an 80-20 split in favour of the service sector over manufacturing as a jobs provider. The council believes that as most job losses are occurring in manufacturing, more employment opportunities must be created in that sector through investment by high-tech firms and by bolstering local businesses.

Unemployment in the area is 12 per cent — well above the national average of 9.1 per cent — and there is concern that the service sector alone, notably tourism, financial services and retailing, will not create the 1,000 new jobs a year that are needed. Barbara Mothershaw, the council's head of economic and tourism development, said there were other reasons why the city had to be resourceful and innovative in its strategy, not least the limited land available for development sites. There are only about 60 acres left to take the city through to 2010. As a result, the council is investigating "regeneration" sites.

Thirteen sites in the city have been identified as key regeneration zones, including the Old Port area, where 21 acres of land between the city Walls and the river Dee have been earmarked for potential use by tourism and leisure-related industries.

Mrs Mothershaw says the partnership approach invoked through the Chester Action Programme is a powerful component in the plan for action. "It is showing people that the city has lots of positive sides; we know what the challenges are and that we can address them," she says.

Voluntary agencies, industrial and business interests, the local Training and Enterprise Council, Cheshire County Council, churches, MPs and MEPs are all participating in the partnership. It envisages action to develop "one stop shop" business support; the development of small workshops and new business sites; plans to upgrade existing sites or create new employment areas; and a range of measures to improve or expand facilities across further and higher education and training. Other plans to relieve homelessness, improve retail facilities and to promote Chester nationally and internationally as a tourist and conference location are also being canvassed.

The Chester Action Programme is being run against the background of reduced Government and EC support, which has made it essential that new funding is found, a search that heralds a greater role for the private sector.

The city has lost development area status — replaced by intermediate status — and has also lost access to European Regional Development funds. But, according to officials of the council and the Chester Action Programme, a strategy has been laid down, backed by a determination that the partnership approach will enable the city to conquer the challenges it faces.

The city also hopes to participate in proposals for a North West Film Commission, which would see the region develop a bigger role in the film and television industry. Chester sees itself being involved as a film location, a role that would help to promote tourism.

CRAIG SETON

Drivers rally to the 1994 RAC challenge

Chester is once again playing host to this year's annual motor sports event

Chester is playing host to this year's Network Q RAC Rally, which starts in the city on Sunday, Craig Seton writes. This is the fiftieth year of the rally, which attracts two million spectators throughout its various stages and claims to be Britain's largest annual sporting event.

The city last played host in 1992 and officials of the city council are jubilant to have captured the 1994 event, which represents the tenth and final round of this year's FIA World Rally Championship and receives worldwide attention and media coverage.

Barbara Mothershaw, the council's economic and tourism development officer, says: "We are delighted that Chester is once again the host for the RAC rally. We believe it is an excellent way of promoting Chester nationally and internationally, and it has innumerable long-term marketing benefits for the area."

More significantly, an agreement is due to be signed soon that will make Chester the host headquarters for the rally next year and again in 1996, a move that both public and private sector organisations in the area believe will be a big boost to the local economy. It will also help to extend the range of promotional activities and events for local people and visitors.

> 'It is an excellent way of promoting Chester'

The city council estimates that 3,500 bed spaces in the city will be needed during the rally's overnight stops in Chester, and that restaurants, pubs and other retail outlets in the city will benefit from the new "off-peak" business.

The RAC Motor Sports Association says the event's international reputation has grown rapidly, and many cities and towns are eager to act as host. Worldwide television coverage of the event last year was seen by an estimated 188 million viewers across 79 countries.

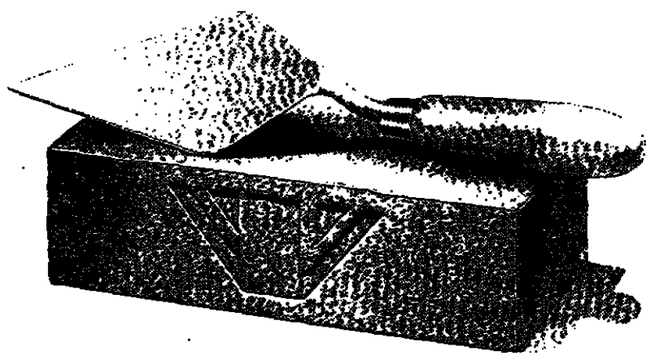
A spokeswomen says: "It is the only world championship rally in this country and the only time that enthusiasts get to see world-class rally drivers in action. It is a very big event for any town as there are people coming from all over the world."

The 180 starters face almost 1,500 miles of driving during the four-day event, including more than 320 miles on 29 timed special stages. An army of 11,000 volunteer marshalls are on duty during its various stages.

On Saturday there will be a rally show and scrutineering at Northgate Arena in Chester, before the rally gets under way at Chester's Eastgate the following day. The first day is, as usual, designated for family spectators, with special stages at stately homes and public parks, including Carden Park east of Wrexham, Tatton Park near Knutsford, Chatsworth near Chesterfield, Clumber Park near Worksop and Donington Park near Derby.

The remaining three days of the rally are to be spent on the gruelling forest roads of Durham, Northumberland, the Borders in Cumbria, Powys, Dyfed, Gwynedd and Clwyd, before it finishes at Chester racecourse on the afternoon of Wednesday November 23, when at least 6,000 spectators are expected to watch the prizegiving. The total prize fund for the rally is almost £60,000.

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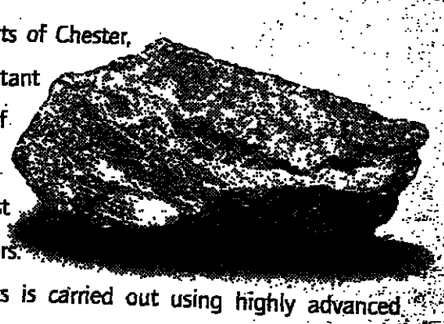
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City means business

Craig Seton looks at Chester's success in enticing private enterprise, from banking giants to traditional craftsmen

Executives of the US-owned MBNA International Bank examined sites in Europe and throughout Britain before deciding to build a new headquarters office on the Chester Business Park for its financial services and credit card operation.

The bank's move last year to the 150-acre landscaped park has been a coup for Chester City Council, which was delighted to have attracted the firm against competition from other potential locations. It says MBNA's estimated £30 million project is one of the largest US investments in the United Kingdom for several years.

Tom McGinley, MBNA's chief executive, explains: "We chose Chester because of the readily available workforce; a young and enthusiastic group of people of exactly the type we like to bring on board."

The bank's new 50,000 sq ft custom-built office is its UK headquarters and prospective European HQ, and employs 200 people, many of them graduates working in the company's customer service and credit departments serving the UK. Mr McGinley says he expects the workforce to continue to grow, depending on the company's market share.

"We looked at a number of different sites in different countries," he says. "We wanted to have a business-orientated climate in a place which would welcome a company moving from another country."

Good communications were also an important factor: Chester has important rail links, and Manchester International Airport is just 30 minutes' drive away.

Private sector investment in Chester reached about £150 million in 1993-94, and the equivalent of 1,500 full-time jobs were created in the city, although more recent news suggests 800 jobs may be lost in local manufacturing industry, in addition to a further 1,000 in aerospace.

MBNA's arrival adds to the list of company headquarters based in the city, which is also host to M&S Financial Services, Shell Chemicals (UK) and BICC Cables.

There have been successes too in enticing manufacturing firms to Chester. Cacao Barry (UK) Ltd, a member of the Barry Group, opened a new factory two years ago on the 84-acre Chester West industrial and commercial site after looking at 16 locations in the North of England, which is where most of its market lies for its bulk production of high quality chocolate for use in biscuits, cakes, confectionery and ice-cream. It is the French-based group's thirteenth factory — it has others in France, Belgium and the US — and represents an investment of £10 million.



Creating oysterwork inlays at the Silver Lining craft workshops

The company says the Chester plant, build in a record time of only five months on an eight-acre site and now employing 52 people, is the most technically advanced chocolate factory currently in production.

Marc Donaldson, commercial manager, says Chester best fitted the company's location criteria. The city had development area status at the time of the move, making grants available. The factory is within 45 minutes of an international airport, at Manchester, and is within easy reach of good road communications. The culture and quality of life in Chester also impressed the firm.

The company delivers 25,000 tons of chocolate a year, which is transported by road. Mr Donaldson describes the company's efforts to find the best location: "We sat down with a transport company and used a very sophisticated computer system to identify a site in terms of logistics and our major customer base."

The company says the workforce progressed to full production in record time: "The recruitment programme was based on the firm belief that the best results would be achieved by employing high quality staff who had a willingness to learn, rather than people who had worked for chocolate companies before and might have preconceived ideas.

"The result is an excellently trained and dedicated team who have had the opportunity to work at Barry factories in France and Belgium as part of their training package."

Two more American firms, quality soap maker Original Bradford and NEBS Business Stationery, are also located on Chester West, where the Isle of Man company Strix, manufacturer of thermostatic controls for kettles and jugs, is investing £10 million and creating 30 jobs at a new plant.

The Duke of Westminster, one of Britain's biggest landowners and wealthiest men, is also helping the local economy through 25 small businesses that operate from leased farm buildings on his 11,000-acre Grosvenor Estate on the outskirts of Chester.

Vehicle repairers, an architect, a maker of high quality furniture and a firm of chartered surveyors are among those operating on the estate, in buildings that had fallen into disuse through changes in agriculture. More than 100 people work in the businesses in a project that began about 15 years ago.

Tim Barter, deputy agent of the estate, says: "Certainly the estate considers this to be a partnership. We try to choose tenants who will gain the maximum benefit from being on the estate. It is one of the ways of keeping rural areas alive."

One of the tenant businesses is Silver Lining Workshops, a bespoke furniture-making business based in the village of Aldford and owned by Mark Boddington, of the Boddington brewery family. His firm has been on the estate for eight years and employs a total of six people, four of them craftsmen.

"There are about 11 businesses within a quarter of a mile of here and it is a fantastic way of re-using farm buildings," he says. "It is also regenerating the village, which was dying, but now young people are coming back into it again."

The firm's turnover has gone from £11,000 a year to an annual £300,000, and it has recently begun marketing limited edition furniture, with showrooms in America.



RONALD FAUX

Chester is trying to ease the pressure from visitors on its small, compact city centre

When in Chester...

The city has the knack of bringing history to life, says **Ronald Faux**

Caius Julius Quartus glared from beneath his stainless steel helmet at the small boy who asked him if his head itched. The warm autumnal weather had produced a bead of sweat on the end of the warrior's nose. He reassured the lad that Roman soldiers were used to heat and changed the subject to troop strengths in the legionary stronghold of Deva, as Chester was known during its 300 years of Roman occupation.

As he led the party away to fascinate them with a reconstruction of the hypocaust, an ingenious system of underfloor heating devised by the Romans, the sun glinted brilliantly on his breast plate.

Chester tries hard to make its history come alive for youngsters. Gerald Tattum, tourism development officer, explained that Caius Julius was a Roman soldier billeted in Chester 2,000 years ago. He had been resurrected by an actor to give his life story to parties of children, and had become a popular figure. Other characters revived to act out Chester's history include a Tudor lady who eloped with a young squire, much to the fury of her father who was mayor at the time.

Ghost hunter tours around the town at dusk introduce more sombre moments of the city's past and attract as many as 400 people at Hallowe'en.

A marketing survey last summer showed that tourism puts at least £150 million a year into the Chester economy. The five million tourists who arrive to look round the city each year make it the fifth most visited city in Britain. Some 16,000 jobs, 30 per cent of all jobs in Chester, depend to some degree on tourism.

The city walls, to which Cromwell's army laid siege for two years, are among the most complete in the land and can be circumnavigated in an hour's stroll. Chester is a prime mover in the pan-European Walled Towns Friendship Circle.

"The city is one of those places where you can stand on a street corner and watch the world go by: one minute Germans, Italians and Scandinavians then a conference group of Japanese," Mr Tattum says. "We have 60 guides and between them they speak just about every major language."

Visitors have a choice of Chester Zoo; Roman, Saxon and Norman ruins; museums military, Roman and childhood; and a heritage centre that presents audio-visually the city's history and architecture. Chester cathedral may not dominate the city in the way that some other cathedral cities are dominated, but the building does evoke the ambience of the medieval monastery it once was, and has an excellent video presentation of its history.

Being relatively small and compact, the centre of Chester can quickly become overwhelmed by visitors, a hiatus which a new partnership between council, hoteliers and shopkeepers is working to resolve. A winter shopping scheme is the latest attempt to spread the season more evenly. Under the scheme, the city offers incentives and discounts in its hotels, shops, restaurants and attractions to persuade people to experience Chester in its less crowded moments.

These are unlikely to occur between May and August or at times during October when Chester's flat race meetings take place on the Roodee racecourse. Where horses now thunder down the straight, Roman galleys once moored and the city thrived as an important port. Then the river Dee, which flows to the south of the city, changed course, and in 1539 the Roodee became popular for horse racing and has been popular ever since, making it the oldest racecourse in the country.

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Great Britain suffer injury blow

Hanley's problems increase after Davies withdraws

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE memorable try by Jonathan Davies that decided the first rugby league international against Australia last month must remain a haunting reminder of what Great Britain will be missing in the final match at Elland Road on Sunday. Despite encouraging signs that the shoulder he injured at Wembley was improving, Davies was yesterday ruled out of the decisive match.

"It's sickening, but that's life," was the Welshman's philosophical response. "I have just not had enough time to recover. The injury was worse than I thought and will need another couple of weeks."

Davies, however, gave a vote of confidence to his teammates: "The attitude's good in the squad and they are working hard," he said. "I'm sure they can do it."

Great Britain must now hope that the injuries being carried by Paul Newlove (shoulder) and Kelvin Skerrett (thumb) heal in time. A decision will be made today, when Ellery Hanley announces his side. As he did with his decision over Davies, the Great Britain coach will stick to his principle of selecting only those who are fully fit.

After coming off worst in a tackle on Mal Meninga, the Australia captain, at Bradford last Sunday, Newlove remains in some pain. Although Skerrett's injury is showing some improvement, he must also be rated as doubtful.

Compared with Australia's luxury yesterday of being able to name an unchanged and injury-free side for the climax to the John Smith's series, Hanley's dilemma is exaggerated by the far smaller pool of international-standard players he can call upon.

The loss of Davies has not been compensated for in a squad now down to 20. The full back position could go either to Gary Connolly, provided that Newlove is fit to take his place in the centre, or Graham Steadman, although the Castleford player's performance in the heavy defeat at Old Trafford was hardly an auspicious one. It also leaves Hanley with the problem of a goalkicker if Goulding is left out of the starting line-up.



Davies: philosophical

At half back, it remains a question of perming two from Goulding, Shaun Edwards, the restored captain, Garry Schofield and Daryl Powell. Powell all but ruled himself out of contention for the No 6 position after a butterfingered display for Sheffield against Wigan last week. He might be needed in the centre in any case.

The same could apply to Schofield, but the Edwards-Schofield axis has worked well in the past. In that case, it is conceivable that Goulding could find a place at hooker.

Skerrett's continued absence would leave significant problems in the front row and place a considerable onus on Barrie McDermott to curb his volatility. Chris Joynt is not, and never was, a prop, so a move to the second row in place of Andrew Farrell, whose edge appears to have been blunted by too much rugby, would assist the requirement for a wider game.

Australia, unsurprisingly, have kept faith in the side that won 38-8 12 days ago. David Fairleigh is the one change among the substitutes after he withdrew due to influenza last time. Ian Roberts, the prop, is the only player not to have played since the Old Trafford match because of a bad head cut he received there.

St Helens, meanwhile, have given the Australian club, Manly, permission to sign Scott Gibbs, the former Wales rugby union centre, and Alan Hunte, the Britain back, on short-term contracts next summer.

☐ Leigh are looking for their nineteenth coach in 20 years after the resignation yesterday of Denis Ramsdale after only nine weeks in the job. Leigh have lost their last four matches and are in ninth place in the second division, their lowest position for two decades. "I was in a lose-lose situation with the club being forced to sell their best players," Ramsdale said.

AUSTRALIA (v Great Britain at Elland Road on Sunday): B Mullins (Canberra), A Ettingshausen (Cronulla), M Meninga (Canberra, captain), S Renouf (Brisbane), R Wishart (Illawarra), L Daley (Canberra), R Stuart (Canberra), G Lazarus (Brisbane), S Walters (Canberra), I Roberts (Manly), D Fay (Canterbury), B Clyde (Canberra), B Fittler (Penrith). Substitutes: A Langer (Brisbane), T Brasher (Balmain), G Florimo (North Sydney), D Fairleigh (North Sydney).



Yang Aihua, above, the Chinese 400 metres freestyle world swimming champion, tested positive for steroids in a random check conducted before the Asian Games in October, according to a member of the medical commission of Fina, swimming's international governing body. Yang, 17, pictured receiving the 400 metres freestyle silver medal at the Games in Hiroshima, was found to have elevated testosterone levels, Dr Alan Richardson said. She faces a two-year suspension, which would make her ineligible for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Fina officials said they had not comment until they received the test results which were expected shortly. In recent years, Chinese women have dominated swimming. At the world championships in Rome in September, Yang and her team-mates won 12 of 16 titles and set five world records. All of the winners passed drug tests in Rome. Their superiority was such that coaches and team directors from 18 nations signed a petition asking Fina to tighten drug-testing procedures.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Wasps add sting to London's challenge

LONDON and South-East, the beaten finalists last season, will enter the *CIS divisional rugby union championship on* Saturday with ten Wasps in their side. One of them, Damian Hopley, has volunteered to play on the wing against the South and South-West at Bristol in the hope of advancing his claims for an *England cap (David Hands writes).*

Hopley, normally a centre, toured South Africa with England last summer as a wing and his preference means that Nick Greenstock, who has appeared for Wasps this season as a wing, is selected at centre. Tony Diprose, a member of the successful Saracens back row, plays at lock alongside Simon Shaw, who will be playing at his home club.

LONDON DIVISION (Wasps unless stated): A Tunningley (Saracens); D Hopley, G Childs, N Greenstock, D O'Leary (Harlequins); G Gregory, S Bates (captain); D Molloy, G Botterman (Saracens), I Dunston, C Wilkins, A Diprose (Saracens), S Shaw (Bristol), L Dallaglio, D Ryan. Replacements: H Davies, A Gomarsall, G Holmes, P Delaney, A Snow (Harlequins), C Shaasby (Harlequins).

Boon's change of mind

CRICKET: David Boon, the Australia batsman, has pulled out of his one-year contract as Gloucestershire's overseas player next summer. He faxed the county yesterday, saying he had been advised that his troublesome knee would not stand up to a rigorous season of county cricket. Philip August, the Gloucestershire secretary, said: "It's a big disappointment and now we have to start our search all over again. We'll be working on contacts all round the world."

New Zealand advance

CRICKET: New Zealand were well placed at the end of the second day of their three-day tour match against Griqualand West in Kimberley, South Africa, yesterday. New Zealand, on 173 for one at the close, had a lead of 240 with nine wickets in hand. Earlier, Richard de Groen claimed five wickets for 34 runs as the home side was dismissed for 218, New Zealand having declared their first innings closed on 285 for five.

Male stronghold

REAL TENNIS: James Male, the world rackets champion, achieved an upset by beating Nigel Pendrigh, his fellow Briton, in the final of the New York Silver Racquet championship in four sets. Male, who recently finished a series of trials as a batter with the Atlanta Braves baseball side, looked sharp and determined on the fast court and never allowed the hard-hitting Pendrigh to get into his stride.

Akram late starter

CRICKET: Wasim Akram, the Lancashire and Pakistan fast left-arm bowler, may miss the early part of his country's tour of South Africa, which is due to start on November 30, because of a lingering sinus problem. Arif Ali Khan Abbasi, a Pakistan official, said yesterday that Akram, 28, at present in Karachi, would see an ear, nose and throat specialist in London later this week.

Warm-up victory

HOCKEY: England beat South Africa 3-1 in a pre-World Cup match in Canberra, Australia, yesterday. Robert Pullen put South Africa ahead, but England responded with goals in the second half from Nick Thompson, who converted a penalty corner, Jason Laslett and Russell Garcia. The World Cup, involving 12 nations, begins next Wednesday at the State Sports Centre in Sydney.

Davies goes top

GOLF: Laura Davies, of Great Britain, has moved to the top of the Ping women's rankings. Davies finished top of the women's money-list in the United States this season and was a member of Europe's beaten Solheim Cup team.

LEADING RANKINGS: 1, L Davies (GB) 391.82pts; 2, L Neumann (Swe) 216.86; 3, E Daniel (US) 189.58; 4, D Andrews (US) 176.42; 5, E Ping (US) 175.06; 6, D Mochrie (US) 171.45; 7, H Alricksson (Swe) 164.56; 8, P Sheehan (US) 160.17; 9, T Green (US) 157.98; 10, B Burton (US) 129.38.

Forward giant wins cap against Scotland

PHILIP Schutte, the biggest man in the South African touring party, will make his international debut against Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday (David Hands writes). Although there are five changes of personnel and two positional alterations from the side that beat Argentina in Johannesburg last month, Schutte is the only newcomer.

At 6ft 8in and nearly 19st, he is the latest in the long line of University of Pretoria international lock forwards. He first came to international prominence in England two years ago, flying from a development tour of Western Samoa as a late replacement on the South African tour that autumn.

Schutte, 25, is the fifth lock to appear for his country this year, stepping up to partner the consistent Mark Andrews.

Injuries have accounted for Chris Badenhorst (wing) and Brendan Venter (centre). Pieter Hendriks and Japie Mulder returning, but Joel Stransky and Tiaan Strauss are omitted. Stransky, the Western Province stand-off half, has seldom looked comfortable either with his tactical or kicking game in British conditions and gives way to Hennie le Roux, who looked so formidable against England during the summer.

Saturday's game also marks the return to international rugby of Pieter Muller at centre.

SOUTH AFRICA: A J Joubert (Natal), P Hendriks (Transvaal), P G Muller (Natal), J C Mulder (Transvaal), C M Williams (Western Province), H P le Roux (Transvaal), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal), J P du Randt (Orange Free State), U L Schmidt (Transvaal), T G Laubscher (Western Province), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), M G Andrews (Natal), P W Schutte (Transvaal), R J Kruger (Northern Transvaal), R A W Straeuli (Transvaal). Replacements: K B Putt (Natal), J T Stransky (Western Province), G K Johnson (Transvaal), I S Swart (Transvaal), J Dalton (Transvaal), C P Strauss (Western Province).

Howe reaps most in bumper crop

Oxford University 80
Major R V Stanley's XV 58

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PIERRE Villepreux, the French coach, has paid Oxford University three visits this term (another is planned before the match with Cambridge next month) preaching the gospel of total rugby, but even Villepreux could not have envisaged anything quite like yesterday at Iffley Road.

Since the First World War, when this fixture was conceived, entertainment has been the keynote, but 21 tries is beyond the call of duty. Competitive rugby it was not, yet the genuine skills involved should not be overlooked, particularly with so many schoolchildren present.

It was also far more competitive than the 1993 fixture, when Oxford outran a desperately poor Stanley's XV by 54-8. At 26-0 with only 15 minutes played, something similar threatened, but Stanley's were able to reach both into their bag of tricks and their youthful replacements, so that the winning margin was ten goals and two tries by Oxford to five goals, four tries and a dropped goal.

Sadly for them, Toulouse, hit by injuries and with a championship match approaching, would not allow David Berty or Philippe Carbonneau to travel, but Stanley's retained a French connection by fielding Jerome Riondet, a London-based former player from Racing Club, at stand-off half. Yet, against what amounts to the XV that will play Cambridge, less Daniell, the injured lock forward, they needed youthful legs rather than those of such experienced luminaries as Ackford, Egerton, in his last match, and Calcraft.

Even so, Oxford have taken Villepreux's message to heart. Everything revolves around Rees and the genuine speed of Howe, Gray and Bromley would have tested better opponents. For Howe, the Ulsterman, it was a field day and the second of his four tries was a sensational solo run from halfway which carried him weaving through virtually the whole Stanley's XV.

Since they turned round 47-22 down, Stanley's could be said to have enjoyed the better second half. With Barnes, who left his Sky cameraman on the touchline, at the helm and Damian Hopley bursting tackles in midfield, they managed six tries against five, and more than 2,000 spectators enjoyed themselves as well.

DETAILS

SCORERS, Oxford University: Tries: Howe (4), Joy (2), Bromley (2), Rees (2), Allison, Yeabsley. Conversions: Rees (10). Major Stanley's XV: Tries: D Hopley (3), P Hopley (2), Ackford, du Toit Boyle, Adebayo. Conversions: P Hopley (3), D Hopley (2). Dropped goal: Riondet.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *M Joy (Marlins, Stroud and Nebley), I Gray (RAI Belfast and St Catherine's), S Bromley (Cardinal Langley HS and Nebley), M Nolan (Tranbridge and Pembroke), T Howe (Bancroft's Academy and Nebley), *G Rees (St Michael's University School, Victoria and Nebley), M Kirsten (Diocesan College Cape Town and Nebley), A Bryce (Glenalmond and Nebley), *D Henderson (Glenalmond and Nebley), S Thompson (Durham and St Cross), E Nasser (St Joseph's, Brisbane and Nebley), P Coveneney (Clongowes Wood College, Dublin and New), R Yeabsley (Haberdashers Aske's and Nebley), G Allison (St Paul's and Templeton), *N Martin (Hung Edward's, Birmingham and Nebley). Henderson replaced by A Logan (The Leys and Christ Church, 27min).

MAJOR R V STANLEY'S XV: P Hopley (Wasps), J Keyter (Harlequins), *D Hopley (Wasps), *L Boyle (Harlequins), A Adebayo (Bath); J Riondet (Harlequins), *S du Toit (Stellenbosch), M Hobley (Henley), *A Read (Esher), K Yates (Bath), *W Calcraft (Manly and Australia), A Snow (Harlequins), *P Ackford (Harlequins and England), S Ojomoh (Bath and England), D Egerton (Bath and England). Riondet replaced by S Barnes (Bath and England, 40). Read replaced by T Beddow (Bath 40). Ackford replaced by M Russell (Harlequins, 47). Keyter replaced by M Jensen (London Irish, 61).

Referee: S Campsall (Yorkshire).

* denotes a blue

Students' endeavour fails to reap tangible reward

THERE were no rewards for hard work when Cambridge and London failed to translate many opportunities into goals, so drawing their university hockey match 0-0 at Coldhams Common yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

A total of 14 short corners, seven to each side, was squandered for the want of a sharpshooter, although the vigilance of both goalkeepers did much to avert a score.

Cambridge were outrun in the first half, during which they survived five short corners, and were indebted to the full back, Cake, for a save on the line in the 22nd minute.

After the interval, Cambridge, inspired by Carter at centre half, took up the running, but the attacks lacked cohesion. Nevertheless, it was their turn to force a sequence of short corners — all of which came to nothing.

London made the final thrust and Crowley, always prominent in attack, twice came close to scoring in the dying minutes.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: P Petrowitz; M Stott, D Harding, *R Cake; D Churton, F Schullen, *C Carter, P Mansour, *M Carver, *R Stevens, A Sainsbury. Substitute: R Reginauld.
LONDON UNIVERSITY: *S Dodson, R Taylor, O Roxburgh, *M Munro, P Mealon, M Roberts, A Tems, *M Johnston, M Crowley, L Nolan, S Gohil. Substitute: J Slather.

* denotes a blue or purple

Umpires: N Smith and G Smith (Eastern Counties).

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SIGNED: David Prosser & Co.
DAVID PROSSER & COMPANY
Solicitors,
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Bridgend,
Mid Glamorgan.
Solicitors for the Applicant.

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Solicitors,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 9 December 1994 at The Old Bakery, Lower Dower Road, Royston, Herts.
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DATED this 10 day of November 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
COLIN CRAYTHORNE
DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 006598 of 1994
IN THE MATTER OF SIG plc
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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Dated this 17th day of November 1994
Simpson Curtis
41 Park Square
Leeds LS1 2NS
Ref: GJR
Solicitors for the above named company

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A form of proxy is enclosed which, if to be used at the meeting, must be completed in accordance with the guidance notes provided thereon and lodged at BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA not later than 1200 hrs on 8 December 1994.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers not later than 1200 hrs on 8 December 1994 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated: 14 november 1994
R Hocking,
Joint Administrative Receiver.

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Dated 14th november 1994.
Messrs Pye-Smiths, 4 New Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 2QJ Solicitors for the said Company.

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IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 16th December 1994, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts and claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to Ian Frymess of 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 15th day of November 1994.
L Frames,
Liquidator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 007268 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT.
IN THE MATTER OF KENTISH PROPERTY GROUP PLC
(IN LIQUIDATION)
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE
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The meeting will be held as follows:-
Date: 24 November 1994
Time: 11.00am
Place: Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street London EC4A3AS
Dated this 17th day of November 1994
Roger Powdrill & Nicholas Lyle,
Joint Liquidators
Touche Ross
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Ref : L29811 I

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DATED THIS 14th November 1994
K.P.Barry, FCA
Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE NO 006868 of 1994
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IN THE MATTER OF WELLMAN plc.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985.
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Dated the 15th Day of November 1994.
Messrs Edge & Ellison, Rutland House, 148 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2JR.

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Hughes intent on final Ashes fling

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN HOBART



Stewart, a study in concentration, puts his damaged finger to the test at practice in Hobart yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

THERE are few sportsmen in the world so instantly recognisable as Merv Hughes and he had only to stroll into the departures lounge at Melbourne airport yesterday to have a hundred heads turning his way.

Hughes, very much more than the showman he portrays, is, for some England batsmen, a haunting memory from the most recent Ashes embarrassment. It was a memory they hoped to expunge while the likelihood remained that Australia would exclude Hughes, as they have for most of this year. But, suddenly, the crusade for Merv's return is gathering irresistible momentum.

He will take the new ball for an Australian XI, chosen by the Test selectors, in the four-day match starting at Bellerive Oval tomorrow. While the touring side must settle places remaining open for the first Test team, wickets for Hughes will guarantee a reunion in Brisbane in a week's time.

AUSTRALIAN XI: M L Hayden (Queensland), G S Blewett (South Australia), J L Langer (Western Australia), *D R Martyn (Western Australia), R T Ponting (Tasmania), S G Law (Queensland), †M N Atkinson (Tasmania), G R Robertson (New South Wales), M G Hughes (Victoria), P R Reiffel (Victoria), J Angel (Western Australia).

ENGLAND XI (possible): *M A Atherton, A J Stewart, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, G A Gooch, J P Crawley, †S J Rhodes, P A DeFreitas, D Gough, M J McCague, P C R Tufnell.

Hughes cuts a preposterous figure these days, with his shaven hairstyle and luxuriant moustache, and he does not deny being heavier than he would like despite several months of intensive training. He will be 33 next Wednesday and, married now with a baby who beguiles him, he cannot push mind and body through the snarling fast bowler routine very much longer.

Like many another Australian, though, Hughes is motivated above all else by beating England. "You can't better that," he said, explaining it is why "Australia play better cricket against England than any other country". He is intent on a fifth and final Ashes series and starting it next week.

Allan Border was always Hughes's greatest supporter, seeing in him the intensity of patriotic purpose he evinced. No longer captain, Border nevertheless still makes himself heard and he chose yesterday to reaffirm his belief in "the big bloke".

Hughes dismissed Border twice in a Sheffield Shield game last weekend and Border was impressed: "There is nothing wrong with his bowling or his stamina. I've nothing against those who went to Pakistan, but I honestly believe we need Merv in that Test team as an enforcer," Border said, adding: "The Poms don't like facing him."

Here, he has an unarguable point. Hughes carried the Australian seam attack in England last year, pushing himself so far and so hard that has has not been the same bowler since. In taking 31 wickets in the Test series, he gained the respect of Graham Gooch and cast an intimidating spell over Graeme Hick that drove him out of the side. Now that Hick is batting more assertively than at any stage in his England career, Hughes presents a psychological barrier he simply must overcome.

Little else remains to be decided about the Australian line-up for next week, but, if one of their batting places, currently securely bolted down, should fall vacant, there will be as great a clamour for Ricky Ponting to be chosen as there already is for Hughes.

Ponting is only 19, yet, in his first 24 Shield matches, he has scored eight centuries. He is being showered with fine words by the luminaries of Australian cricket and could easily be in the Test side before this winter is over, batting alongside his mentor and fellow-Tasmanian, David Boon.

Tomorrow's occasion is a special one for Ponting, a representative honour on his home island, where summer is arriving so late that snow was falling only last week. It says much for his growing reputation that attention will be focused upon him despite the presence of three young batsmen who have already played Test cricket and one, Matthew Hayden, who scored 201 not out against Victoria on Monday.

One of England's recurring problems, so far on tour, has been the inability of most of their batsmen to make big scores. Only Gooch and Hick are exempt. Tomorrow, contentiously, Gooch will not go in first, where he prefers to bat and from where he has already made two centuries on this tour, but must drop down to No 5 to accommodate the return of Alec Stewart.

The theory that Stewart should open throughout this series has not been abandoned, despite his failure to play a single game since suffering a broken finger at practice, three weeks ago. Yet it is not an unshakeable notion: unless, over the coming weekend, he can show some convincing form, Stewart may yet find himself swapping places with Gooch once again.

Harold employs percentages against Davis

BY PHIL YATES

STEVE Davis failed to reach the last sixteen of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship for the first time in his 15-year professional career when he was beaten 9-6 by Dave Harold at Preston Guild Hall yesterday.

Davis, who monopolised the title between 1980 and 1987, winning it six times, was using a cue borrowed from his father after damaging his own two weeks ago, but he refused to blame that for the defeat. Instead, he praised Harold, a player in his own mould.

By adopting a Davis-like percentage game, Harold, 27, from Stoke, has gradually developed into one of snooker's hard men. He captured the Asian Open title last year as a 500-1 outsider and, only last month, he eliminated both Stephen Hendry and Alan McManus en route to the Skoda Grand Prix final.

Harold certainly impressed Davis, who had won both of their previous meetings 5-0: "There was no excuse other than that Dave played to a very high standard. I have got a lot of admiration and his success is no fluke," Davis, the world No 2, said.

After a highly-tactical opening session on Tuesday, the score read 4-4. Davis moved 5-4 ahead on the resumption, but Harold levelled at 5-5 with the aid of an 82 break and went 6-5 ahead by clearing the colours to black in the eleventh frame.

Davis, who had missed a straightforward black with three reds left, never recovered. Breaks of 71, 78 and 72 earned Harold three of the following four frames and ensured that Davis would make his earliest departure from a tournament that is second only in prestige to the world championship.

Harold, who now meets another former world champion, Alex Higgins, was as pleased with the manner in which his victory was achieved as the result itself: "Without doubt it was the best performance of my career. To beat Steve Davis at his own game is very satisfying," he said.

Higgins, rejuvenated after a woeful start to the season in which he managed to prevail in only one of his first six matches, progressed thanks to a 9-7 win over Drew Henry, of Glasgow, completed with a 94 break in the sixteenth frame.

It is the first time that Higgins, now 45, has reached the last sixteen of a ranking tournament since the 1991 Dubai Classic and it will be his first appearance in front of the television cameras at the United Kingdom championship for seven years.

Willie Thorne took another step to arresting his slide down the provisional rankings to No 32 by converting a 6-2 overnight lead into a 9-4 victory over Gary Wilkinson, while James Wattana, of Thailand, comfortably beat Richard McDonald 9-3.

SECOND ROUND

England unless stated

RESULTS: W Thorne bt J Wilkinson 9-4; A Higgins (N Ire) bt D Henry (Scot) 9-7; J Wattana (Thai) bt R McDonald (Scot); D Harold bt S Davis 9-6

LATEST POSITIONS: P Ebdon leads D Taylor (N Ire) 7-1; J Swail (N Ire) level with D O'Kane (NZ) 4-4; D Morgan (Wales) leads B Morgan 6-2; M King leads A Hamilton 5-3

☐ Davis, Jimmy White and the women's world No 1, Allison Fisher, will take part in a four-day international nine-ball pool tournament next month, broadcast by Sky Television, featuring leading professionals from Europe, competing against their American counterparts in singles, doubles and mixed doubles contests.

The nine-ball game, popular in the United States, is played on a bigger table and under different rules to the type of pool enjoyed in British pubs.

SPORTS LETTERS

Bond between goalkeepers

From Mr E. J. Little

Sir, The freemasonry of goalkeepers, to which Simon Barnes (November 10) aspires so eloquently, transcends the narrow confines of football and embraces other sports, not least hockey, where the agonies of picking the ball out of the back of the net are all too similar.

The freemasonry knows only too well the red haze of anger and frustration associated with conceding a goal so that it finds it hard to accept that a man — and a leader of the tribe, at that — would deliberately humiliate himself in such a manner. Surely money alone would not buy a goalkeeper's pride.

The difficulty of keeping the ball out of the net, whatever the game and whatever the level at which it is played, is such that it is almost inconceivable that a keeper of Bruce Grobbelaar's stature would compromise the bond which exists between all practitioners of that most solitary and responsible art.

Like Simon Barnes, I am also a "resting" member of the fraternity (I don't think goalkeepers ever retire, certainly not mentally, even if, eventually, they do physically), albeit in another game. When I think of all the goals I have let in for free over the years, I would be a rich man had I been paid for them. But that is not the point: goalkeepers do not willingly allow themselves to be beaten, it is totally against their nature.

Further, as any goalkeeper will tell you, it is not possible to predict the shots which will occur during a match and therefore utterly impossible to agree to let in a predetermined number. If you let in three, sod's law will present you with the deflected blind shot into the corner on the final whistle.

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From Mr J. J. Rendell

Sir, Rob Hughes's article on Bruce Grobbelaar (November 10) makes fascinating reading but shows little understanding of the betting world. He is right to point out that no goalkeeper could be sure to fix a match so that his team lost by 3-0, but a dishonest goalkeeper could sharply reduce the odds against that happening. If, on current form and with fair play, the bookmaker's odds against a 3-0 result were 20-1, the real odds if the goalkeeper had been "fixed" might be more like 4-1. It is the large difference between the odds on offer and the perceived chance of success which is so attractive to potential fraudsters, not some mythical certainty.

Yours faithfully,
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Weakness of county game

From Mr P. J. Wilde

Sir, Mr C. J. F. Pavey (Sports Letters, November 10) has watched county cricket since 1946, professes himself well satisfied with what he sees and asks what difference spectators would notice if standards were improved.

In the first place, in financial terms, an awful lot stems from there being an adequate Test side: hence the introduction of four-day county cricket and the attempt to ensure that first-class pitches are of a generally higher standard. The first-class game must offer a better foundation for representative cricket.

The county game may or may not be good to watch. My overseas friends tend to question its standard as compared with their own provincial cricket. That is surely significant.

In terms of enjoyment, a village or club match should be as much "fun" to watch as a first-class game. The first-class match should, however, plainly be of a higher technical standard in batting and bowling.

The consensus of informal opinion seems to be that the standard of our first-class cricket is inadequate in terms of preparation for Test play. That is certainly what the recent struggles at that level suggest.

Yours etc.,
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Drivers' attitude has changed

From Mr R. N. Gregg

Sir, Even at today's hectic pace, significant change in attitude tends to be relatively slow, so when a stark comparison does present itself, the jolt is quite severe. Events at the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide last weekend were just such a case.

Ivan Rendal records in his book, *Chequered Flag*, that, in 1958, the drivers' championship was finely poised. By the last race, the Moroccan Grand Prix at Casablanca, Mike Hawthorn held the narrowest of leads over Stirling Moss.

During the race, Hawthorn went off the circuit, stalling his engine, but was able to push his car back onto the track and restart the engine unaided. He eventually finished second behind Moss, who had driven a faultless race.

Hawthorn was then disqualified for "pushing the car against the traffic" (a manoeuvre prohibited by the rules). That gave Moss the points lead he needed to clinch the championship. Moss, however, intervened to say that he had seen Hawthorn push his car backwards only on the pavement, which was not against the rules. On that evidence, Hawthorn's second place was reinstated and with it he took the championship.

At Adelaide, it appeared that Michael Schumacher had fully regained control of his car after his error. It must therefore have been his controlling action which moved his car into the path of Hill's. I could perhaps accept that it was an instinctive reaction, but even that would in no way relieve him of responsibility for his action.

In contrast to Moss, Schumacher saw nothing wrong in accepting his title.

Yours faithfully,
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Portishead, Bristol, Avon.

From Mr C. G. O'Dowd

Sir, The collision between Damon Hill and Michael Schumacher is not the first time in recent seasons that the outcome of the drivers' championship has hinged upon who completes the race.

It may be that the time has come to provide for the deduction of points already earned from any offending drivers if a "convenient" collision occurs. This would reduce any temptation to prevent a rival completing.

Yours faithfully,
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British first

From Ms Melanie Crowther

Sir, Sport In Brief (November 12) notes that Rebecca Stephens, "the first woman to climb Everest", has been shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year.

She was the first British woman to climb Everest. The first woman to reach the summit was a Japanese, Junko Tabei, in 1975 and there have been quite a number of female ascents since.

It is interesting to note that Anne Bernard applied to the Mount Everest committee in the 1920s and was told firmly that "it is impossible to contemplate the application of a lady whatever nationality, the difficulties would be too great."

Yours faithfully,
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Outstanding role models

From Mr Dennis Dickinson

Sir, At a time when sleaze and bad news fill the headlines, I would like to relate a recent experience at Newcastle United Football Club.

During our annual rugby tour, our school team visited Newcastle's training ground. After the session, Kevin Keegan and his squad spent around 30 minutes signing autographs, being photographed and chatting to the fans. All the players and the manager in particular seemed genuinely happy and interested to carry out these duties, which they obviously consider very important. They are, too.

What an excellent role model for my boys to see: when you are rich and famous, you can still be polite and humble.

Yours etc.,
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Midlothian.

Whitakers lead British assault

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN BERLIN

WHILE Nick Skelton, the winner of the Millstreet World Cup qualifier last weekend, gives his horses a well-deserved rest, John and Michael Whitaker head the British team of four that will attempt to repeat Skelton's success at the Berlin World Cup show, which begins today.

The four-day show, which takes place in the city's Deutschlandhalle, is one of the most competitive of the 14 on the World Cup's European circuit. The main threat to the Britons is likely to come from the powerful home side, which includes Franke Sloothaak, the world champion, and Ludger Beerbaum, the Olympic champion and former winner of the World Cup.

The Whitakers, though, are optimistic. John pins his hopes for the qualifier on Everest Grannusch, the 15-year-old German-bred gelding that has hardly put a foot wrong this season. His win in Vienna two weeks ago was his fourth major grand prix success this year and brings his winnings for the year to almost £250,000.

"He's in excellent form," John said. "He's also had a week off so he should be fresh." That is ominous news for Michael and his World Cup ride, Everest Midnight Madness, who were relegated to second place by Grannusch at Wembley in the Everest Championships by 0.2sec. Michael, who was delighted with his fourth place at Millstreet on the eight-year-old Everest Elton, will attempt to reverse that order on Saturday.

The two other British riders competing are Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, and John Popely, with Bluebird, both of whom were shortlisted for the team for the world championships last summer. Billington, lying seventh, is the highest-placed Briton in the World Cup league after his fourth place on It's Otto in Oslo last month.

In addition to the two leading German riders, the entry includes Rodrigo Pessoa, of Brazil, the winner of the Danish qualifier last month, and Jos Lansink, of Holland, who is lying second in the league after winning in Helsinki. The French contingent includes the on-form Alexandra Ledermann, with Rocher, the winners of the Millstreet Derby last Sunday.

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Keegan hands back reins after taste of England success


Whelan: classic goal

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

KEVIN Keegan reflected on his first taste of international management with satisfaction yesterday after watching the England Under-21 side beat their Irish counterparts 1-0 at St James' Park, Newcastle, on Tuesday night.

"It's been an exciting experience for me," the Newcastle United manager said, who accepted the invitation to take temporary charge of the side last month when Dave Sexton became unavailable. "It's been a real eye-opener, but I'm able to bow out with a 100 per cent record — and I'll rest with that."

The largest crowd to attend an England Under-21 international — 25,863 — saw Noel Whelan's first-half goal earn England the victory that lifted them to the top of the Uefa championship qualifying group six, ahead of Portugal on goal difference. Keegan, having also overseen England's 3-1 victory over Austria last month, will hand the reins back to Sexton for the next game, in Ireland in March.

While Keegan deflected questions about his possible future involvement in international management — some see him as a possible successor to Venables — it was evident that he felt he had gained much from his two matches: "It's got to be said that it's been hard work but I've really enjoyed it," Keegan said. "It's very different having just two days with the lads each time. That isn't very long and you've simply got to make the best of it."

Keegan's experience left him convinced that players such as Jamie Redknapp, Robbie Fowler, Sol Campbell and Nicky Butt will make the transition to the full squad in the near future: "These players are more than capable of winning their group," he said. "Dave and Ray Wilkins [his deputy] have built a good spirit and we've profited from that. From what I've seen, the future of English football is very bright.

"It hasn't been easy combining the role with my club job and I don't think I could do it long-term, but I'd just like to thank Terry Venables, the England coach, for giving me the chance."

Keegan was, nevertheless, unhappy that his side had not performed better in front of the record crowd, even though the captain, Jamie Redknapp, was unavailable with a groin injury. He described the goal by Whelan as "a classic", but admitted that "three or four players struggled".

Whelan, 19, from Leeds United, was less impressed with his own work, saying: "It was a great ball in from Nicky Butt — I just got across my man and got a head to it. Luckily, it went in."

Whelan said the support from the Newcastle public had been astonishing: "The crowd was amazing," he said. "They made it a special night. I've got my place now and scoring a goal like that will do me no harm, but with so many good strikers about, I've got to keep scoring to keep it."

As Keegan steps back from the international scene, it is clear that the players he leaves behind have enjoyed the experience as much as he has. The excitement of training under Keegan was clear from the moment the squad gathered before the game in Austria and that continued into this week's preparations.

In spite of a below-par overall performance by the team on Wednesday, Whelan spoke for the whole squad when he assessed the manager's contribution: "For all of us, Kevin is a legend, a hero and for me personally it was a great boost that somebody of his calibre wanted me in the squad," he said. "What I know now is that he is as good a manager as he was a player — and that he is a great man to work with.

"It's been a wonderful experience and everybody's enjoyed it. He's giving up now, but hopefully we'll be able to work with him again a few more times in the future."

In group eight, an own goal from Varlamov in the last minute gave Scotland a 2-1 win against Russia at Cumbernauld. Crawford putting the Scots on level terms after the visitors, through Simoutenkov, had taken a 64th-minute lead.

Criticism of Cantona proves costly for Fashanu

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOHN Fashanu, the Aston Villa striker, was fined £6,000 by the Football Association yesterday for making derogatory comments about Eric Cantona, the France and Manchester United forward, in a newspaper column.

Fashanu, who has a fortnight in which to appeal, accused Cantona of making a "malicious, dangerous lunge" on Neil Ruddock, the Liverpool defender, in his weekly column in *The Sun* in September. He also said Cantona was "in need of urgent help".

Fashanu's comments angered United, who immediately complained to the FA. "Fashanu didn't ask for a personal hearing and the case was dealt with on correspondence," Mike Parry, an FA spokesman, said. "We wrote to Fashanu, he wrote back and now we have found him guilty of misconduct under rule 26a (x)."

Fashanu, who last season was cleared by the FA of intent after the elbowing incident that injured Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur defender, had also said in his column: "Running up from behind — in fact, more like sneaking up — and raking your studs down the back of an opponent's calf and tendon is both cowardly and unpleasant." Accusing Cantona of taking the law into his own hands, he said: "Reputations stick and, if you are not careful, destroy you. Eric is heading in that direction right now."

Five years ago, another Villa player, Paul McGrath, was fined £8,500 after newspaper criticism of Manchester United, his former club.

Graeme Sharp, the Oldham Athletic striker, was yesterday named as the club's first new manager for 12 years and immediately admitted he had a lot to learn. Sharp, 34, the former Scotland international, had been in temporary charge of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division side since Joe Royle and Willie Donachie left for Everton last week.

"I know I have a lot to learn," Sharp said. "You have to start somewhere, though, and it's a great honour. I have been thinking about hanging up my boots, so this couldn't be better timed."

Sharp, who said he plans to continue playing, has brought in Colin Harvey, once his manager at Everton, as his assistant. "He taught me a lot and I will always be grateful to him," Sharp said. "If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have progressed as far as I have."

Harvey, assistant manager with Mansfield for the last three months, took the job after an unexpected telephone call from the Oldham chairman, Ian Stott, yesterday morning: "It came right out of the blue," Harvey said. "I didn't have much time to think before taking the job. It will be great working with Graeme again and I will do everything I can to help him. Graeme is a student of the game. He knows it inside out and I am sure he will go a long way."

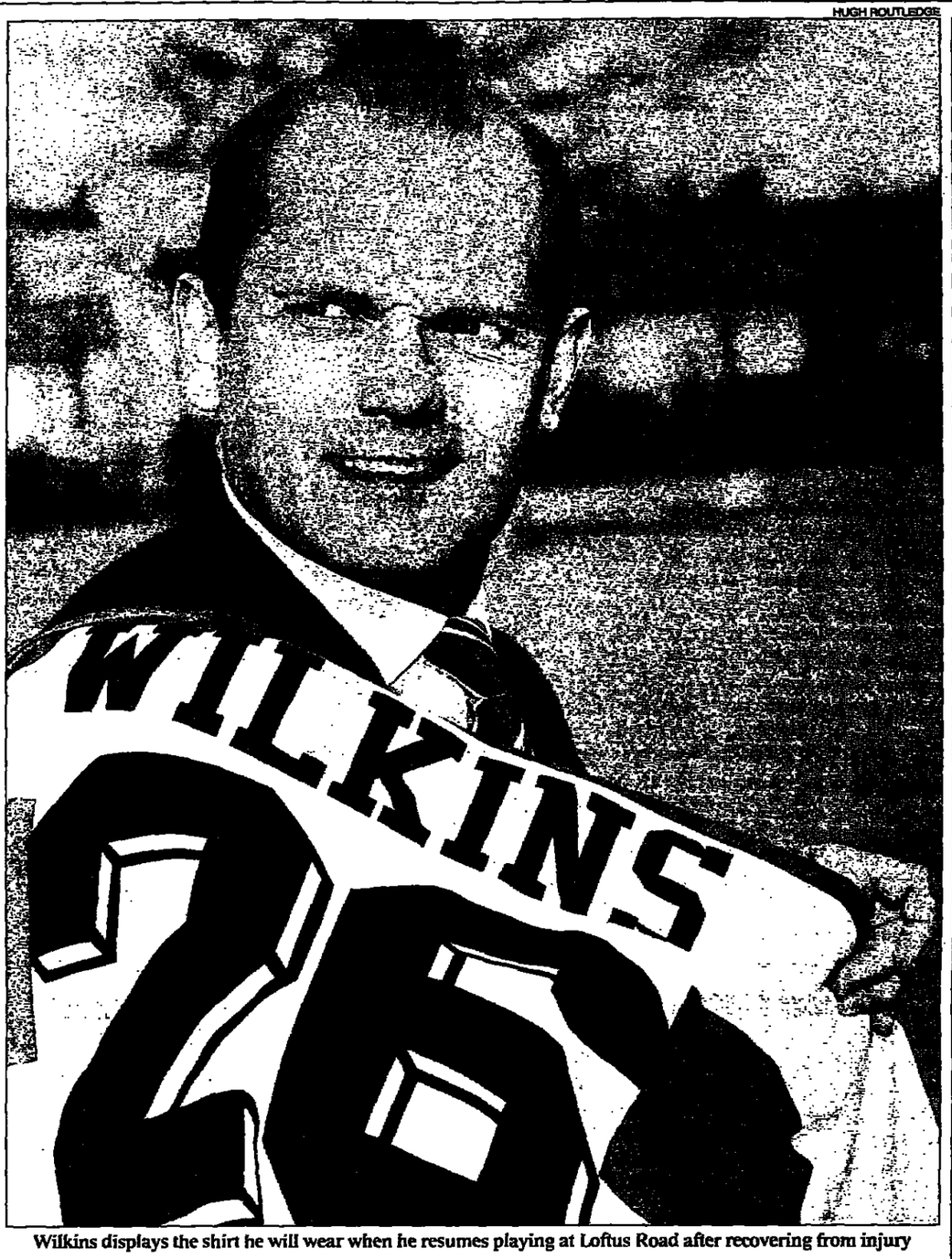
Leeds United have failed in their £3 million bid to sign the Internazionale striker, Ruben Sosa. The Uruguayan is known to be unhappy at the Italian club, but has agreed to stay with them until the end of the season.

The Coventry City striker, Mick Quinn, has joined Plymouth Argyle on a month's loan, with a view to making the move permanent. The former Portsmouth and Newcastle United forward will make his debut against Wrexham at Home Park on Saturday.

☐ Southampton's first FA Carling Premiership match since allegations of match-fixing were made against their goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar — against Arsenal at The Dell on Saturday — is a sell-out.

☐ Ruud Gullit, the former Holland striker, has denied reports that he plans to join the J League club, Yokohama Flugels, next season.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE


Wilkins displays the shirt he will wear when he resumes playing at Loftus Road after recovering from injury

Wilkins prepares for long haul

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RAY Wilkins, officially installed yesterday as player-manager of Queens Park Rangers, yesterday asked supporters for time to improve the club's fortunes. Wilkins, the former England midfield player, who is making his first foray into management, said he hoped to emulate Brian Clough's length of service with Nottingham Forest.

Clough was at the City Ground for 18 years. Wilkins, 38, left Rangers for Crystal Palace only last summer and has now returned after four months to succeed Gerry Francis.

Supporters, unhappy at the manner of Francis's departure, are said to be planning protests to coincide with the visit of Leeds United to Loftus Road on Saturday. "I've no idea what reaction I'll get then," Wilkins said. "The main thing is that I get a positive reaction from the players. If we have that, we'll have a positive performance.

"I want to run a happy ship and get the smiles back on the faces. We'll only win over the supporters by performances on the field. They were 100 per cent behind Gerry and he did an exceptional job here, but Gerry has gone now and we need to turn things around and start performing."

Wilkins, who has signed a contract until 1997, and the club chairman, Peter Ellis, are hoping supporters will end their campaign against the owner of the club, Richard Thompson.

"They have to see that we want Thompson in. That is where we stand. This 'Thompson out' business has got to stop," Ellis said, claiming that Thompson and his father, David, had put £12 million into the club in five years. "They are among the biggest benefactors in the game."

He also repeated his pledge that Les Ferdinand and Trevor Sinclair would not be sold this season, but Wilkins conceded that position could change eventually: "I understand the situation here. We have sold players in the past to keep the club afloat. The important thing is that we have players here at the moment who can perform. Les [Ferdinand] and Trevor [Sinclair] will be here until the end of the season. We're languishing at the wrong end of the table and it's important they are here to help us stay in the FA Carling Premiership.

"I had five great seasons here as a player and to say that I was disappointed to leave at the end of last season is an understatement. Having this four-month interval away from the players has helped to give me a bit of distance as I start in management, but I'm also in the very pleasant position of knowing them."

Wilkins, who has been out of action for practically the whole season because of a broken foot, envisages a return to first-team football by Christmas. He will also continue as coach to the England Under-21 team, assisting Dave Sexton, a former manager of Rangers, who may now return to Loftus Road to help coach the junior teams.

"It's something I love doing," Wilkins said. "Working with Dave Sexton and people of that ilk can only give me confidence to go on and become a decent manager."

Rangers are eighteenth in the table, one place above the relegation zone, and with only three Premiership victories to show for their efforts, but Wilkins, who confirmed he intended to allow no leading players to leave this season, has a tough target: "I want to do at least as well as Gerry and he got us to fifth. That could get us into Europe."

Taylor tries Norway

GRAHAM Taylor, the manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, hopes to have the Norway international, Ronny Johnsen, in his defence against Middlesbrough on Sunday (Dennis Shaw writes).

The centre back, who will cost £500,000 from Lillestrom, won his ninth Norwegian cap against Belorus in last night's European championship qualifying match. He is due at Molineux tomorrow, with his adviser, to discuss terms.

If negotiations proceed smoothly, Johnsen will fill a position which has been a problem since Peter Shirtliff was forced out by an Achilles tendon injury.

Johnsen, who is on an extended loan with Lillestrom from Lyn, has helped them to second place in the Norwegian league, but Taylor has had the complication of dealing with two clubs as well as the player. "I would like him for Sunday but it looks a bit doubtful," Taylor said.

Wolverhampton's challenge for promotion is being undermined by defensive errors.

New delays put back launch of American league

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MAJOR League Soccer, the football league planned by the United States, will start a year late and with fewer teams than projected after further delays, Alan Rothenberg, the league president said yesterday.

Rothenberg, who led the organising of the World Cup finals, said Chicago and Tampa will join Los Angeles, Washington, Boston, New Jersey, San Jose and Columbus when play begins in April 1996. Two other clubs — selected from Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Kansas, Indianapolis, Miami, Seattle, San Diego or Tulsa — will complete the line-up. At least one more team, from a franchise in New York, is not expected to join the league until 1997 or 1998 because its planned stadium will not be ready until then.

Alexi Lalas, who became a household name during the World Cup and plays in the Italian first division, said he would be among a number of American players who would welcome the chance of returning to their homeland.

Rothenberg said he did not think a $1.3 million (about £820,000) salary limit would prevent them from signing top American players and sufficient foreign talent to interest American supporters. Matches between international teams will be played in participating cities next year to keep interest in the game alive until play begins, Rothenberg said.

☐ Uefa, European football's governing body, yesterday lost its court battle over the sale of television rights for part of the European Cup Champions' League and insisted that the ruling may have serious consequences for the sport across the continent. Judicial officials in Berne, Switzerland, turned down turned down an appeal by Uefa against a decision last month that marketing of the club competition violated Swiss anti-cartel law.

The original action was brought by CWL Telesport, a Swiss-based company that has a contract with Steaua Bucharest, one of the 16 Champions' League teams, which allows it to market rights to the Romanians' home matches. Salvatore Cuccu, a Uefa spokesman, said that it would no longer able to market rights in Bucharest and that television audiences in large parts of the rest of Europe could also miss out.

Uefa was more concerned about longer-term implications of the ruling for both national and international championships, however. "This is a very bad decision for the future of soccer in Europe," Cuccu added.

In a later statement, Uefa officials said their policy of "financial balance" — where television revenues are used to subsidise smaller national federations — was "in serious danger".

Els begins defence of title that opened floodgates

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MIYAZAKI, JAPAN

IT WAS the shot that started it all and Ernie Els, the man who hit it, remembers it as though it were yesterday, not 12 months ago: "I was 238 yards out, the wind was right to left against and it was right at the very tip of my range. I had to kill it and I hit it just perfect, to ten feet, and in it went, for eagle."

From then on, there was only one man who was going to win the Dunlop Phoenix tournament, the richest in Japan, and it was indeed Els, of South Africa, who had never won anything of note outside his own country until then but who has since been hailed as the next golfing genius.

In 1994, Els, 25, has won the Dubai Desert Classic, the US Open championship, the Toyota World Matchplay Championship and the Sarazen World Open. Today, he begins the defence of his Dunlop title at Miyazaki, on the island of Kyushu, in the south of the country.

The shot that rang around the world of golf, at the 515-yard 7th hole, was hit with a three-wood, a Lynx model with 13 degrees of loft and an extra stiff graphite shaft. Here, as at Augusta, the winner donates a club for display in the clubhouse. How about the three-wood, Ernie?

"Jeez, I'm still using it. They're not getting that yet. I'll give them my one-iron.

"It all goes back to that one shot," Els added. "It was the start of everything. This week last year, I thought I played the best golf of my life. My game just started going..." It has been going ever since, so much so that Jack Nicklaus, making his first appearance in Japan for eight years and his first here since 1976, was moved to sing the young man's praises after nine holes with him in practice yesterday.

"Ernie could be the next real dominant player. He has the golf game and the experience — at a very young age — to accomplish an awful lot."Another Golden Bear even? "He could be that or he could be much better. Who knows? But he has the potential to have anything happen — although he probably has tougher competition than I had. There's more of it."

This year, the competition includes José María Olazábal, the US Masters champion, Severiano Ballesteros, European Ryder Cup players Barry Lane, Joakim Haeggman and Costantino Rocca, Vijay Singh, of Fiji, Jumbo Ozaki, of Japan — on a hat-trick of victories — and former major champions Tom Watson, Larry Nelson, Craig Stadler, Larry Mize and Scott Simpson.

FOR THE RECORD

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OTHER MATCHES: Albania 1 Germany 2; Bulgaria 4 Moldavia 1

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: Cyprus 2 Armenia 1 Group four: Italy 2 Croatia 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton Town 2 Wimbledon 4 League Cup: Cardiff City 0 Hereford United 1, Swansea City 5 Birmingham City 2.

Late results Tuesday

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Group A: Notts County 3 Venezia 3, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Atalanta 1, Ascoli 3 Swindon 1; Lecce 3 Tranmere 0 Group B: Cesena 1 Sheffield United 4, Derby 3 Udinese 1, Stoke 4 Piacenza 0, Ancona 3 Middlesbrough 1.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Poland 0 France 4, Azerbaijan 1 Israel 2. Group two: Spain 1 Denmark 0, Belgium 7 Macedonia 0 Group three: Sweden 0 Hungary 1, Switzerland 2 Iceland 1 Group five: Holland 2 Czech Republic 2 Group six: England 1 Ireland 0. Group seven: Georgia 1 Wales 2, Bulgaria 2 Moldavia 0 Group eight: Scotland 2 Russia 1, Greece 4 San Marino 2

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 0 Worcester 1, Cheltenham 2 Atherstone 2, Crawley 2 Sittingbourne 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 1 Gloucester 0, Halesowen 1 Gresley Rovers 4 Trowbridge 1 Rushden and Diamonds 1 Midland division: Bedworth 2 Grantham 0, Hinckley 3 Sutton Coldfield 0, Ilkeston 2 King's Lynn 1, Leicester United 1 Evesham 4 Nuneaton 0 Buckingham Town 0, RC Warwick 2 Moor Green 1, Stourbridge 1 Bilston 4 Southern division: Bury 1 Tonbridge AFC 3, Margate 1 Braintree 1, Newport IoW 1 Burnham 2 Dr Martens Cup. Second round: Dorchester Town 2 Basildon 2, Hastings 3 Ashford Town 2.

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: First round: Exeter 1 Cardiff 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Northwich 0 Stafford 1

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 2 Enfield 0, Marlow 2 Walton and Hersham 2. First division: Aldershot 3 Bognor Regis 0, Whyteleafe 3 Billericay 2, Wivenhoe 2 Basingstoke 4, Worthing 7 Dorking 0. Second division: Barton Rovers 0 Edgware Town 2, Hungerford 2 Windsor and Eton 1, Malden Vale 2 Hampton 3, Metropolitan Police 1 Chalfont St Peter 2, Oxford City 0 Banstead 2, Sutton Wanderers 5 Tilbury 1. Third division: Hemel Hempstead 1 Fleetwood Heath 2. League Cup: Second round: Haybridge Swifts 1 Aylesbury Utd 2

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 2 Stowmarket 1, Felixstowe 1 Sudbury Wand 1; Hadleigh 3 Lowestoft 4, Halstead Town 3 Tiptree 1, Harwich and Parkeston 6 Comard 0, Woodbridge Town 1 Newmarket Town 2, Wisbech 2 Soham Town 1. First division: Brantham Athletic 1 Gorleston 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Second round replay: Glossop North End 8 Castleton Gabriels 5 (aet)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood 5 Congleton 1, Goole 2 Alfreton 5. Challenge Cup: Second round: Lancaster City 3 Workington 0

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 2 Stoke 2; Rotherham 0 Everton 1 Second division: Manchester City 3 Hull 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 3 Watford 1, Bristol City 1 Queens Park Rangers 1

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Newhaven 3 Arundel 2

JEWSON SOUTH WESTERN LEAGUE: Newquay 3 St Austell 2

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: Second round, second leg: Holywell 6 Porthmadog 3 (Holywell won 9-6 on aggregate)

WELSH CUP: Third round: Wrexham 2 Newtown 0

EAST ANGLIAN CUP: Fakenham 3 Wroxham 0, Histon 1 Biggleswade 3

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Northern Premier League 2 FA XI 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Northampton Town 1 Walsall 2

SCHOOLS: ESFA Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: Kirby Knowsley 0 Langburgh 1. FA Premier League under-16 trophy: Cheshire 1 Greater Manchester 1

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 110 Boston 94, Cleveland 89 Charlotte 86 (OT), Detroit 99 Philadelphia 96, Miami 115 Dallas 102, New Jersey 113 Seattle 106, Orlando 122 Washington 102, Denver 112 San Antonio 99, Houston 105 Sacramento 99, Milwaukee 82 Indiana 81, Phoenix 96 Portland 93, Minnesota 114 Golden State 112, LA Lakers 102 LA Clippers 92.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Kimberley (second day of three): New Zealanders 285-5 dec (C Harris 110 not out, D Murray 63) and 173-1 (D Murray not out 91), Griqualand West 218 (H Page 85, R de Groen 5-34)

GYMNASTICS

DORTMUND, World team championships: Men: Compulsories: 1, Germany, 279.900pts; 2, Ukraine, 278.300; 3, Japan, 277.400; 4, Russia, 277.150; 5, Belorus, 275.450; 6, China 274.950; 7, Bulgaria, 273.800; 8, United States, 273.550; 9, France, 273.500; 10 South Korea, 271.600

HOCKEY

CANBERRA: International matches: England 3, South Africa 1; Australia XI 2, Germany 0

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Telford Tigers 9 Solihull Barons 4

TABLE TENNIS

MIDDELBURG, Holland, European Women's League: Holland bt England 4-2 (B Vreeskoop lost to Gordon 21-19, 16-21, 19-21, D Bakker bt L Lomas 16-21, 21-17, 21-19, G Keen lost to A Holt 15-21, 15-21; MJ Hoorman and Vreeskoop bt Lomas and Holt 21-14, 21-14, Vreeskoop bt Lomas 21-12, 23-21, Keen bt Gordon 21-14, 21-17)

CHARLEROI, Belgium: All Stars circuit: Quarter-finals: Z Primorac (Croatia) bt M Syed (GB) 21-8, 21-2, Kim Taek Soo (S Kor) bt J-P Gason (Fr) 21-14, 22-20, P Karlsson (Swe) bt J-O Waldner (Swe) 24-22, 21-13; Wang Tao (China) bt J-M Saive (Bel) 21-12, 21-18. Semi-finals: Kim bt Karlsson 21-17, 10-21, 21-18, Wang bt Primorac 21-19, 21-19. Final: Wang bt Kim 21-12, 21-13, 21-7.

TENNIS

NEW YORK: Virginia Slims championships: First round: J Novotna (Cz Rep) bt I Majoli (Croatia) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt M Navratilova (US) 6-4, 6-2.

EASTBOURNE: Texaco women's challenger tournament: First round: L Golarsa (It) bt J Pullin (GB) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; K Hand (GB) bt J Lieto (Ger) 7-5, 6-3; S Stolcat (GB) bt A Oliver 7-6, 7-0; I Haase (Ger) bt K Cross (GB) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; I Tasech (Fr) bt A Wainwright (GB) 6-0, 6-1. Second round: L Golarsa (It) bt S Georges (Fr) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; M Seibold (Ger) bt G Dondi (Switz) 6-2, 6-3; Y Basting (Hol) bt I Haase (Ger) 6-0, 6-4; N Deschy (Fr) bt A Bisma (Ger) 7-5, 6-3; S-A Seidell (GB) bt A Skuhl (Fr) 7-5, 6-4; S Schmidle (Ger) bt K Hand (GB) 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, K De Weille (Holl) bt S Kleinova (Cz Rep) 6-3, 6-1, I Tasech (Fr) bt N Tijssen (Holl) 7-5, 6-3

RUGBY UNION

CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern group: Cumbria 15 Northumberland 10; Cheshire 3 Lancashire 16; Durham 6 Yorkshire 13.

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WORD WATCH

Answers from page 48

MAFFICK
(a) To celebrate extravagantly on an occasion of national rejoicing, to mark a significant day with celebrations, a back-formation from *mafficking*, a jocular toponym from the proper name Mafeking treated as a gerund or present participle.

PEPPER-POT
(a) A small double right-angled buttress on the Eton fives court, replicating a similar buttress on the steps to College Chapel, where the game was invented by boys knocking up while waiting for chapel. "One of the great differences between Eton fives and Rugby fives is the pepper-box for pots, the irregular buttress sticking into the court, imitated from the original fives court in the side of Upper Chapel. Originally pepper-box was the name applied only to the Dead Man's Hole, but now generally to the whole buttress."

CHEESE
(c) A wooden disc shaped like a Swiss cheese used in table skittles, from the German *kegel*, applied to various objects shaped like a cheese.

BISQUE
(c) A handicap point in such games as croquet, golf and tennis, which may be used by the weaker player whenever he chooses, either to deduct a stroke (golf) or add a point (tennis), so as to improve his score.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1, Nfg5! and if 1, . . . Qxd1; 2, . . . Qh6 fails similarly; 2, Nf7+ Rxf7; 3, Rg8 mate. 1, . . . Qe8; 2, Nxh7 also leaves Black helpless against White's threats on the kingside.

Joseph chases double century

By Julian Muscat

A FULL decade may have passed, but memories of the party thrown by Jack Joseph, celebrating his century of winners as an owner, still linger fondly with those in attendance. By all accounts, the septegenarian will soon be making plans again after Greenback romped to his fifth victory of the jumps season at Kempton yesterday.

Greenback, trained by Philip Hobbs, had to summon all his experience to fend off a determined effort by Golden Arrow in the closing stages. However, his cleaner jumping at the last two flights made all the difference.

Joseph is now just 18 short of his two hundredth winner, and such is Greenback's enthusiasm for racing that further successes from him look assured. "That was his 22nd start of the year," Hobbs related. "He had 12 runs on the Flat before we bought him for 8,000 guineas in July. He has now won five of his ten races over hurdles and is still improving."

Another in that category is Dublin Flyer, a bold jumping eight-year-old who traditionally impresses on his seasonal reappearance. It was the same story in the Limber Hill Handicap Chase as Dublin Flyer soared over his fences, taking lengths out of his four opponents in the air. After a couple of false dawns, perhaps this strapping gelding, trained by Tim Forster, is finally getting his act together.

John Sumner, his owner, is the archetypal patron of the winter game. "I'm not too keen on Aintree," Sumner said, "but I would love to win a race at the Cheltenham festival." Given the quality of horses he has raced, it is incredulous that he has failed to do so in nearly 40 years of trying.

Meanwhile at Haydock, David Nicholson celebrated a notable achievement after registering his 1,000th winner in Britain under National Hunt rules. He reached the landmark when the promising Certainly Strong won the opening novices' hurdle.

A former leading National Hunt jockey, Nicholson, 55, gained his first winner as a trainer with Arctic Coral at Warwick on January 9, 1969. He has steadily climbed to the top as a trainer in recent years, and became champion trainer for the first time last season.

Nicholson has captured many of National Hunt racing's most important events, including the Gold Cup with Charter Party in 1988 and the King George VI Chase last year with Barton Bank.

The Jockey Club is looking into the circumstances surrounding the victory of Encore Un Peu, trained by Martin Pipe, at Exeter on November 1. The Club's probe was prompted by two complaints, one from a member of the public and the other from an individual connected with a runner in the race.

"When complaints are received we do have a series of routine procedures," David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, explained. "We are looking into three different incidents. It is no more than that until our security department recommend what course of action, if any, we should take. There is certainly no official inquiry underway at this stage."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GOING AROUND
(2.30 Wincanton)
Next best: Captain Khedive
(12.50 Ludlow)



Dublin Flyer soars over the last on his way to a fine success at Kempton. Photograph: Julian Herbert

True champion can cope with any conditions

Jamie Osborne found the going tougher than expected in his ambitious attempt to land a sporting double on both sides of the Atlantic

While Oliver Sherwood's Berude Not To saved the day in spectacular fashion for me on Saturday, last weekend was dominated by disappointment.

I had high hopes that Wind Force and Crystal Spirit were two partners capable of running well in the big races either side of the Atlantic — Saturday's Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham and Sunday's Colonial Cup at Camden, South Carolina.

Unfortunately, both ran below par and neither completed their respective courses.

The disappointment that I felt would have paled into insignificance compared to that of the horses' connections, especially Paul Mellon and Ian Balding, who had sportingly sent Crystal Spirit to the United States to have a crack at the $100,000 race.

The main reason why Wind Force and Crystal Spirit failed to produce their best was the state of the ground. For Wind Force Cheltenham has become too soft while Crystal Spirit found Camden too firm. Both races were run at a pace as fast as the conditions would allow.

The Colonial Cup is run over two furlongs further than the 2½ miles of the Mackeson, but if one ever needed an example of how sound ground affects the pace of a contest one should compare the times of these two races.

The 22 furlongs at Camden were covered in 5min 8sec, an average of 14 seconds per furlong. The 20 furlongs of the Mackeson took over ten seconds longer to cover, an average of nearly 16 seconds per furlong.

These comparisons are not a measure of the horses' relative ability but they do emphasise how the underfoot conditions affect a horse's performance. In racing terms, two seconds per furlong is a big difference. A top-class sprinter would probably cover a furlong in 11 seconds while the Derby winner would average between 12 and 13 seconds per furlong.

It is extremely hard to compare the quality of the two races. Bradbury Star, the Mackeson winner, would not have won the Colonial Cup. Conversely, Lonesome Glory, the Colonial Cup winner, would not have won the Mackeson. They are both good horses but they are suited by the conditions and style of the races they won.

This is where a good horse differs from a great horse. The truly great horse can cope with any ground conditions, win over a variety of distances and be oblivious to the tactical style in which a race is run.

To achieve greatness a horse has to be both physically and mentally tough. Its physique must be athletic and powered by a king-size engine.

If any one of these four attributes is lacking, then it diminishes the ability of the other three. How often do we hear of horses that have bags of ability but do not always apply themselves mentally? Or the horse that is mentally tough but hindered by a physical problem which makes him prone to injury?

The American horses have to be physically very strong to withstand running constantly on firm ground. They need to have a high cruising speed and they need to jump quickly and accurately. The American fences are smaller and softer than ours. Horses spend less time in the air and the speed means that both horse and jockey must think quickly.

Unfortunately, everything happened too quickly for Crystal Spirit. Beforehand, I thought he was an ideal horse to attempt a race like this but I was wrong. When things do not work out as planned, it is easy to question your theories but, in a sport as inexact as racing, you must take calculated risks.

If these risks are unsuccessful, you must not dwell on them, but add the experience gained to increase your knowledge to aid the next venture.

Hartington honoured at Cartier awards

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

LORD Hartington was honoured last night for masterminding the fundamental structural reforms to British racing in the 1990s when he was presented with the Cartier Award of Merit.

His inspiration and diplomacy resulted in the British Horseracing Board (BHB) being set up and taking over many powers and responsibilities of the Jockey Club. As senior steward of the Jockey Club, he persuaded a conservative minded membership of the need for a new, democratically accountable body to run the sport, after strong criticism of the old regime by a House of Commons select committee.

As the first chairman of the newly formed BHB, he has also helped to oversee the change-over and ensured effective co-operation between the BHB and the Jockey Club — both housed under one roof in Portman Square.

The Cartier Awards, European racing's ultimate accolade, also included a surprise presentation to Dr Vincent O'Brien for his lifetime achievement as trainer of some of the greatest Flat and National Hunt racehorses during the past four decades.

The Cartier Horse of the Year award went to the Luca Cumani-trained Barathea, impressive winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile earlier this month at Churchill Downs. Jointly owned by Shaikh Mohammed and Gerald Leigh, he was also voted Older Horse of the Year.

Lochsong was voted Sprinter of the Year for the second successive season only hours after her trainer, Ian Balding, confirmed she would definitely not race again. She suffered a chipped bone in her right knee during the Breeders' Cup Sprint, when she finished last.

"It is sad she ran so badly in her last race. We will miss her terribly. She has been such a superstar and it has been a privilege to have had her in the yard," Balding said. Lochsong will retire to Jeff Smith's Littleton Stud and is likely to be covered by Bluebird next year.

Other Cartier awards were: Celtic Swing (2-y-o colt); Gay Gallanta (2-y-o filly); King's Theatre (3-y-o colt); Balanchine (3-y-o filly); Moonax (stayer).

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THUNDERER
1.10 Mountain Ballet
1.40 In The Navy
2.10 TARTAN TYRANT (nap)
2.40 Greville Again
3.10 Front Line
3.40 Her Honour

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.10 VIVA BELLA.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES ON CHASE COURSE) SIS

1.10 NORTHERN JUNIOR HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £2,248: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

101 112 KHATIR 8 (BF,F,G) (F Farrant) M Pipe 11-10 R Dunwoody ■
102 S1P326 PLATO'S REPUBLIC 12 (F) (J Long) J Jenkins 11-5 M Dwyer 92
103 EPICA 34F (J Wilcox) A Bailey 11-0 T Kent —
104 00 RINUS MAJOR 40 (A Proes) D McCain 11-0 D McCain (5) —
105 0054 A SUITABLE GIRL 3 (V) (D Williams) D Williams 10-9 Mr G Brown 60
106 MOUNTAIN BALLET 157F (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 10-9 A Maguire —

BETTING: 5-4 Mountain Ballet, 6-4 Khatir, 7-1 Plato's Republic, 14-1 Epica, A Suitable Girl, 16-1 Rinus Major.

1993: MARROS MILL 3-10-9 A Maguire (2-5 fav) D Nicholson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

KHATIR 9l 2nd of 13 to Anzum in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, heavy). PLATO'S REPUBLIC 11¼l 2nd of 8 to Mytton's Choice in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start.
EPICA 36l last of 6 to Thunderheart in handicap at Catterick (2m, good to firm). RINUS MAJOR tailed off 11th of 13 to Heathyards Crusade in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1l, good to soft). SUITABLE GIRL 12¾l 4th of 12 to Petite Bijou in selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). MOUNTAIN BALLET 11¼l 3rd of 13 to My Rossini in apprentices handicap at Nottingham (1m 6l, good to firm).
Selection: KHATIR

1.40 RAINFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,376: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

201 P54120/ WESTERN LEGEND 595 (D,G,S) (Miss J Lalag) J Edwards 10-12-0 D Bentley —
202 5/1P22-U IN THE NAVY 7 (BF,F,G) (Sir Fitzroy Talbot) M Pipe 8-11-9 R Farrant 95
203 1435-65 PATS MINSTREL 19 (B,D,F,G,S) (K Hunt) R Champion 9-11-9 P Hide 88
204 3854-24 WIDE BOY 26 (CD,F,G,S) (M Popham) P Hobbs 12-11-7 Guy Lewis ■
205 240943- TRIBAL RULER 233 (F,G,S) (J Singleton) D McCain 9-10-9 D McCain 98
206 D0124-4 BASILICUS 13 (S) (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 5-10-9 J Burke 92
207 3/PP/2-P HEAD LAD 40 (F) (F Lloyd) F Lloyd 11-10-0 Pat Thompson (5) 85

Long handicap: Head Lad 9-4.

BETTING: 9-4 In The Navy, 4-1 Basilicus, 9-2 Pats Minstrel, 5-1 Wide Boy, 6-1 Tribal Ruler, 7-1 Western Legend, 20-1 Head Lad.

1993: THE MASTER GUNNER 9-11-2 R Davis (5-4 fav) K Bailey 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WESTERN LEGEND 19l 8th of 23 to Sirrah Jay in handicap chase at Aintree (2m 6l, good to firm) in April 1993.
IN THE NAVY unseated rider 5th in handicap chase won by Duhallow Lodge at Towcester (2m 110yd, good to soft). Best effort last season 15l 2nd of 8 to Coonawara in novice chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). PATS MINSTREL tailed off 5th of 8 to Docklands Express in handicap at Ascot (3m 110yd, good to firm). WIDE BOY 8l 2nd of 4 to Bowl Of Oats in handicap at Newton Abbot (2m 5l, good to soft) on penultimate start. TRIBAL RULER best effort last season 15l 4th of 6 to Bishops Island in handicap chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, soft). BASILICUS 29½l 4th of 11 to Tartan Tradewinds in handicap chase at Hexham (2m 4l 110yd, good). HEAD LAD pulled before 4 out behind Monday Club in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: IN THE NAVY

2.10 TIM MOLONY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,199: 3m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

301 2/F111P- TARTAN TYRANT 215 (G,S) (Mackinnon Mills) G Richards 8-11-10 A Dobbin 94
302 11P11-3 VIVA BELLA 12 (B,G,S) (L Toomes) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-9 J Burke (3) ■
303 13P3P-2 MATT REID 14 (G,S) (W Morgan) J Leigh 10-10-6 Mr W Morgan 95
304 1F231-3 DON'T LIGHT UP 14 (V,S) (G Solman) P Nicholls 8-10-2 R Dunwoody 93
305 8P43P-P DIAMOND FORT 14 (F,G,S) (Mrs R Stocks) J McConnochie 9-10-2 S McNeill 97
306 P1U5/4-P FEILE NA HINSE 57 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Champion) R Champion 11-10-0 A Maguire 82

Long handicap: Feile Na Hinse 9-9.

BETTING: 2-1 Tartan Tyrant, 3-1 Viva Bella, Don't Light Up, 7-2 Matt Reid, 12-1 Diamond Fort, 25-1 Feile Na Hinse.

1993: PADAVENTURE 8-11-0 P Niven (11-4) Mrs M Reveley 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

TARTAN TYRANT best effort last season beat Grey Minstrel 6l in 5-runner handicap chase at Ayr (3m 1f, soft). VIVA BELLA 3l 3rd of 4 to Unholy Alliance in handicap chase at Newcastle (3m 6l, good). MATT REID 12l 2nd of 11 to Silver Stik in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2l, good to soft), with DON'T LIGHT UP 1½l 3rd and DIAMOND FORT (3lb better off) pulled up before 4 out. DON'T LIGHT UP best effort last season beat Lucky Lane ¾l in 6-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2l 110yd, soft).
DIAMOND FORT best effort last season 4½l 4th of 12 to Warner For Winners in handicap chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, soft). FEILE NA HINSE pulled up behind Desert Lord in the 16-runner Grade II Guinness Kerry National Handicap Chase at Listowel (3m, good to yielding).
Selection: DON'T LIGHT UP

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,B,S) (Mr D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.40 WHITE LODGE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,416: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

401 10-212 CHATEAU ROUX 19 (D,G) (G Mason) J J O'Neill 6-11-6 M Dwyer 97
402 0- EULOGY 334 (B Toner) K Burke 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 84
403 FATHER O'BRIEN (Mrs G Jenkinson) J Edwards 7-11-0 Mr M Daly (7) —
404 3 GREVILLE AGAIN 14 (Mrs H Clarke) D Nicholson 5-11-0 A Maguire ■
405 038/0- MERRY SCORPION 356 (T Marlow) E Owen jun 5-11-0 A Thornton 76
406 5-0 MIGHTY PROFILE 20 (S Hammond) M H Easterby 5-11-0 — 73
407 143/P0- MY ROSSINI 43F (G) (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 5-11-0 T Wall 80
408 002500- NO DOZING 133 (A Von Dinther) W Brisbourne 5-11-0 Gary Lyons —
409 PP0- TARGET LINE 295 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 4-11-0 Richard Guest —
410 0 THE BLACK BISHOP 10 (Mrs J Peutherer) L Lungo 6-11-0 T Reed —

BETTING: 7-4 Greville Again, 9-4 Chateau Roux, 5-2 My Rossini, 8-1 Father O'Brien, 14-1 others.

1993: POWLEYVALE 6-11-1 L Wyer (4-1) B Rothwell 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHATEAU ROUX 14l 2nd to Tipping Tim in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m 7l 110yd, good). EULOGY 36l 7th to Shujan in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy) last December. GREVILLE AGAIN 3¼l 3rd to Severn Gale in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft). MIGHTY PROFILE 35l 9th to Blue Laws in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4l 110yd, good). MY ROSSINI beat Roberty Lea in apprentices handicap here (1m 6l, soft).
Selection: GREVILLE AGAIN

3.10 MAKERFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£4,388: 2m) (3 runners)

501 25/53-21 PETMER 15 (D,G,S) (A Duckworth) K Burke 7-11-2 R Dunwoody 74
502 FP22P-2 FRONT LINE 18 (J McManus) J J O'Neill 7-10-12 M Dwyer ■
503 2P35P-4 HIGHLAND POACHER 20 (S) (G Salers) D McCain 7-10-12 D McCain 67

BETTING: 4-5 Front Line, 5-4 Petmer, 8-1 Highland Poacher

1993: ROXTON HILL 8-10-12 G Bradley (6-5 fav) C Brooks 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

PETMER beat Turoldus 4l in 7-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m, good). FRONT LINE neck 2nd of 10 to Marchwood in novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good). Best effort last season, 1l 2nd of 7 to Country Lad in the grade II Michael Sealy Novice Chase at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). HIGHLAND POACHER tailed off 4th of 7 to Gales Cavalier in novice chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: FRONT LINE

3.40 HAYDOCK GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,290: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

601 42404-5 DEB'S BALL 19 (D,F,G,S) (Miss M Faragher) D Moffatt 8-12-0 M Molloy (7) 92
602 1/6P55-1 HER HONOUR 12 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 5-11-9 R Dunwoody 93
603 4531F0- TINDARI 14F (G,S) (J Jefferson) J Jefferson 6-11-2 M Dwyer 97
604 34105-0 PEANUTS PET 20 (C,F,G,S) (The Ivy Syndicate) T Tate 9-10-13 R Garritty ■
605 /21210- NORTHANTS 247 (G,S) (C Rennison) W Storey 8-10-13 N Doughty 90
606 02F5-3P ABBOT OF FURNESS 5 (CD,S) (Lord Cavendish) G Richards 10-10-8 A Dobbin 93
607 03130-0 CHIEF RAIDER 20 (G,S) (J Wade) J Wade 6-10-5 K Jones 96
608 130521- MAJOR BELL 216 (F,G,S) (A Whillans) A Whillans 6-10-4 M Moloney 85
609 13P023- LINKSIDE 215 (C,G,S) (D Cairns) M Meagher 9-10-3 A Maguire 98
610 5P2645- KETTI 160F (F,G,S) (Berkshire Components Ltd) D Williams 9-10-0 A Thornton —
611 P21/042- LION OF VIENNA 205 (S) (J Mason) T Carr 7-10-0 R Hodge 87
612 122/UP-6 LANDED GENTRY 12 (S) (K Ball & Son Ltd) C Broad 5-10-0 D Bohan (7) —
613 54/0801- WHO SIR 299 (S) (Mrs J Doyle) J J O'Neill 8-10-0 A Roche (3) 53

Long handicap: Ketti 9-12, Lion Of Vienna 9-1, Landed Gentry 8-11, Who Sir 8-1.

BETTING: 5-1 Her Honour, 6-1 Deb's Ball, 7-1 Tindari, Major Bell, 8-1 Northants, 10-1 others.

1993: BONANZA 6-10-3 R Hodge (5-1) Mrs M Reveley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

HER HONOUR beat Hebridean 1¼l in Tote Silver Trophy at Chepstow (2m 4l 110yd, soft). TINDARI best effort beat Dark Honey short-head in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2l, good to soft) in March, with NORTHANTS (6lb better off) about 30l 8th and LINKSIDE (9lb better off) tailed off 25th. NORTHANTS best effort beat Cab On Target 2½l in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m 1l, soft) in February, with TINDARI 1½l 3rd, PEANUTS PET (6lb better off) 4l 4th and LION OF VIENNA (11lb better off) tailed off 8th. ABBOT OF FURNESS neck and short-head 3rd of 14 to Crank Shaft in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4l 110yd, good) on penultimate start. MAJOR BELL beat Over The Pole 1¼l in novice hurdle at Ayr (2m 4l, good) final start last season. LINKSIDE neck and 2l 3rd to Furry Baby in handicap hurdle at Bangor (3m, good)
Selection: HER HONOUR (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Richards	36	109	33.0	N Doughty	31	86	36.0
M Pipe	28	99	28.3	A Dobbin	4	17	23.5
D Nicholson	6	22	27.3	R Dunwoody	10	43	23.3
T Tate	4	17	23.5	A Maguire	6	31	19.4
M H Easterby	8	39	20.5	M Dwyer	17	103	16.5
Mrs S Bramall	3	16	18.8	Only qualifiers			

WINCANTON

THUNDERER
1.00 Inchcailloch. 1.30 Mad Thyme. 2.00 Clever Shepherd. 2.30 Going Around. 3.00 Guiburn's Nephew. 3.30 Teen Jay.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.00 BATCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,215: 2m) (21 runners)

1 40-3 NINE O THREE 23 (S) N Ayliffe 5-11-10 Mr J Culloty (7) 90
2 043 MORSTOCK 28 R Hodges 4-11-10 A Tory 91
3 4133 TOOMUCH TOOSOON 7 (F,G) M Pipe 6-11-7 L Reynolds (7) ■
4 -042 STIR FRY 17 (D) P Hobbs 4-11-7 Peter Hobbs 84
5 P422 EL GRANDO 21 K Cunningham-Brown 4-11-3 A P McCoy (5) 94
6 0-64 TONY'S MIST 7 J Bradley 4-11-2 Mr R Johnson (7) 93
7 P06/ INCHCAILLOCH 10F J King 5-11-1 N Williamson —
8 56/0 COUNTRY RAMBLER 21 P Hobbs 6-10-12 G Tormey (7) —
9 56P- TIME ENOUGH 260 C Brooks 5-10-11 D Gallagher —
10 0414 GALEJADE 16 (F) D Haydn Jones 4-10-11 M A Fitzgerald 98
11 55-0 GENTLEMAN SID 12 R Dickin 4-10-10 E Murphy 92
12 263- STORMY SUNSET 234 W Dennis 7-10-6 J Osborne 96
13 00-5 POLDEN PRIDE 14 G Balding 6-10-6 B Clifford 87
14 0-86 GREEN'S GAME 12 N Mitchell 6-10-2 Miss S Mitchell (7) 98
15 4P-5 STORM FALCON 21 S Mellor 4-10-2 M Perrett 92
16 65-0 JUMPING JUDGE 26 N Thomson 7-10-2 C Maude 95
17 546F PENHILL FLAME 12 (G) N Mitchell 8-10-0 B Powell 86
18 0-P0 ALACUE 14 R Alner 4-10-0 S Earle 87
19 P0P- RHYMING PROSE 250 J Old 6-10-0 T Grantham —
20 3-05 ANOTHER VINTAGE 12 P Cundell 5-10-0 P Holley 93
21 P30- FERRUFINO 232 P Rich 8-10-0 P McDermott 88

8-1 Morstock, 7-1 Toomuch Toosoon, 8-1 Inchcailloch, 10-1 others.

1.30 CHARD NOVICES CHASE (£3,080: 2m 5f) (12)

1 -PF1 ROAD TO FAME 6 (S) D Gandolfo 7-11-6 J Osborne ■
2 32-0 BROGUESTOWN PRIDE 112 (F,S) P Nicholls 6-11-0 C Maude —
3 020- MAD THYME 211 N Gaselee 7-11-0 M A Fitzgerald —
4 50- MOUNT SERRATH 180 C Egerton 6-11-0 D Gallagher —
5 F/2F MURPHY STREET 14 Mrs A Barclay 8-11-0 Mr S Joynes (7) 87
6 6F-1 ROCKY PARK 9 (S) G Balding 8-11-0 J Frost —
7 2/0- ROYAL PIPER 376 (S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-11-0 A Tory —
8 226- SOUTHERLY GALE 308 M Pipe 7-11-0 M Perrett —
9 22-2 NAZZARO 17 (S) W G M Turner 5-10-13 N Williamson 90
10 51-4 CHERYLS PET 17 (F,G) R Buckler 6-10-9 B Powell —
11 0PF- PINE VALE 252 G Balding 6-10-9 B Clifford —
12 P CLASSICAL CHARMER 14 Mrs P Dutfield 5-10-8 P Holley —

9-4 Mad Thyme, 11-4 Road To Fame, 6-1 Nazzaro, Southerly Gale, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 8 winners from 26 runners, 30.8%; M Pipe, 33 from 108, 30.6%; N Twiston-Davies, 8 from 34, 23.5%; Mrs J Retter, 10 from 58, 17.2%; S Sherwood, 5 from 29, 17.2%; N Henderson, 8 from 48, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: D Skyrme, 4 winners from 18 rides, 22.2%; J Osborne, 9 from 48, 18.8%; M Perrett, 5 from 31, 16.1%; E Murphy, 4 from 29, 13.8%; B Powell, 13 from 100, 13.0%; P Holley, 10 from 77, 13.0%.

2.00 HAMILTON LITESTAT HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,225: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 5-S6 TOCHENKA 22 (CD,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-10 W Humphreys 95
2 26-U CLEVER SHEPHERD 16 (D,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 9-11-2 Peter Hobbs 95
3 5-1F STRAIGHT TALK 19 (C,BF,F,G,S) P Nicholls 7-10-11 C Maude 90
4 F1P- FLYER'S NAP 239 (D,G,S) R Alner 8-10-11 S Earle ■
5 P-1U FURRY KNOWE 16 (BF,F,S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-9 J Osborne 98
6 -0P3 FATHER DOWLING 7 (S) G Balding 7-10-4 B Clifford 92

7-4 Straight Talk, 7-2 Tochenka, 4-1 Clever Shepherd, 5-1 Flyer's Nap, 8-1 Father Dowling, 10-1 Furry Knowe.

2.30 VALE MOTORS GREAT WESTERN NOVICES HURDLE (£3,805: 2m 6f) (10)

1 1121 GOING AROUND 14 (D,G,S) K Bailey 6-11-8 N Williamson ■
2 /45- CHRIS'S GLEN 460 J Bradley 5-11-0 Mr R Johnson (7) 52
3 0/P- IDIOM 272 Mrs J Retter 7-11-0 Mr J Culloty (7) —
4 00- I'M IN CLOVER 243 T Thomson Jones 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald —
5 1/6- RIOCHET 392 (F) P Nicholls 6-11-0 C Maude 63
6 0-0 SCORPION BAY 27 B Forsey 6-11-0 P Holley 61
7 240- WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 366 P Rodford 6-11-0 S Burrough 55
8 364- BOURNEL 243 C Barwell 6-10-9 B Clifford —
9 3-F3 LANDSKER PRYDE 36 (BF) M Pipe 5-10-9 T Dascombe (7) 66
10 STRONG GROVE O Sherwood 6-10-9 J Osborne —

2-5 Going Around, 9-2 Strong Grove, 8-1 Landsker Pryde, 10-1 Riochet, 20-1 Bournel, 25-1 Wednesdays Auction, 33-1 others.

3.00 NIGHTINGALE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,548: 2m 5f) (4)

1 32-2 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 27 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Hobbs 12-12-0 C Maude 97
2 14-4 BROUGHTON MANOR 14 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-7 J Osborne 98
3 FF3- AMTRAK EXPRESS 246 (F,G,S) N Henderson 7-11-6 M A Fitzgerald ■
4 1/12 SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 5 (CD,F,G,S) R Alner 9-10-8 S Earle 97

6-4 Guiburn's Nephew, 7-4 Seven Of Diamonds, 11-4 Amtrak Express, 8-1 Broughton Manor.

3.30 WESSEX HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,574: 2m) (10)

1 R33- CRYSTAL BEAR 201 (D,F,S) T Forster 9-12-0 B Powell 93
2 3-34 TEEN JAY 12 (V,D,F,G,S) S Sherwood 4-10-13 J Osborne 87
3 21-3 NOBLELY 22 (D,F,G) N Walker 7-10-12 N Williamson 96
4 110- KEEP ME IN MIND 211 (CD,S) N Mitchell 5-10-11 D Skyrme 98
5 13-3 HOSTILE WITNESS 12 (V,D,BF,S) P Hedger 4-10-9 D O'Sullivan 96
6 11-0 NO PAIN NO GAIN 27 (D,G,S) J Gifford 6-10-8 E Murphy 91
7 21/3 JURZ 5 (D,G,S) R Hodges 6-10-6 W McFarland 87
8 5-06 CO-CHIN 12 (D,S) C Mann 5-10-6 M Perrett —
9 -343 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 5 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 5-10-1 Peter Hobbs ■
10 -510 THE CAUMRUE 18 (D,BF,G,S) G Balding 6-10-0 A P McCoy (5) 98

7-2 Noblely, 4-1 Teen Jay, 5-1 Crystal Bear, No Pain No Gain, 6-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for the first time today.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER
12.50 Captain Khedive. 1.20 Tinas Lad. 1.50 Valianthe. 2.20 Eastshaw. 2.50 Man Of The Grange. 3.20 Rusty Roc. 3.50 Cornish Pasty.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

12.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,164: 2m) (7 runners)

1 21RF CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 23 (D,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 6-11-10 G McCourt
2 32- ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE 257 C Brooks 4-11-0 G Bradley
3 0-4 FENCING MASTER 15 Mrs I McKie 5-11-0 L Harvey
4 00P- GAYTON RUN 334 G Barnett 5-11-0 S Wynne (3)
5 0-0 HOODWINKER 22 W Jenks 5-11-0 D Bridgwater
6 0/P CENTRAL LASS 42 K White 6-10-9 P Ward (7)
7 0- LADY AEDEAN 266 T George 4-10-9 T Jenks (3)

4-5 Captain Khedive, 6-4 Absolutely Average, 12-1 Fencing Master, 20-1 Lady Aedean, 25-1 Central Lass, Gayton Run, 33-1 Hoodwinker.

1.20 HUGH SUMNER HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,128: 2m) (8)

1 /22- BLUSTERY FELLOW 390 (C,D,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-10 D Bridgwater
2 2121 TINAS LAD 34 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 11-11-8 G McCourt
3 -111 TIME WON'T WAIT 22 (CD,F,G) R Phillips 5-11-7 J Railton
4 2203 ILEWIN 9 (D,F,G,S) M Ahern 7-11-7 G Bradley
5 -F84 THATS THE LIFE 62 (D,BF,F,G) T George 9-11-6 T Jenks (3)
6 6043 SILLIAN 26 (F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 12-10-8 S Wynne (3)
7 -2P6 EARLY DRINKER 7 (G) O Sherwood 6-10-8 J A McCarthy (3)
8 U230 LUCKY AGAIN 23 (D,G) C Popham 7-10-5 M Richards

7-4 Time Won't Wait, 9-2 Blustery Fellow, 5-1 Tinas Lad, 6-1 Sillian, 7-1 others.

1.50 CRAVEN ARMS SELLING HURDLE
(£1,877: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 -406 LAVALIGHT 5 (F) R Hodges 7-11-12 I Lawrence
2 15/6 SUREFOOT SILLARS 44 (B,G) Miss L Wonnacott 7-11-6 Mr B Pollock (7)
3 0-64 COBB GATE 17 (B,C,G) B Stevens 6-11-0 M Stevens
4 -360 GOLDEN MADJAMBO 15 F Jordan 8-11-0 J Lodder
5 P0/3 ROYAL HUNT 9 W Clay 9-11-0 Diane Clay
6 02 SIR EDWARD HENRY 30 Miss A Embiricos 4-11-0 N Mann
7 34-2 VALIANTHE 12 (B) M Pipe 6-11-0 J Lower
8 P3PP JUST EVE 22 (B) R Brotherton 7-10-9 L Harvey
9 6F0/ ST ANLO 1282 B Wells 12-10-9 J Da Costa

2-1 Valianthe, 3-1 Golden Madjambo, 5-1 Cobb Gate, 6-1 others.

2.20 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,534: 3m) (10)

1 -450 SARAVILLE 47 (D,F,G,S) F Jordan 7-12-0 J Lodder
2 0-42 EASTSHAW 26 (C,F,G,S) T Forster 12-11-13 G McCourt
3 -364 COMEDY ROAD 5 (F,G) R Lee 10-11-8 F Leahy (5)
4 1456 SQUARE JIM 23 (B,D,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-6 D Bridgwater
5 -53U LAUDERDALE LAD 35 (CD,F,S) J King 12-10-4 S Fox (5)
6 1-58 SHALCHLO BOY 7 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 10-10-2 L Harvey
7 PP-P LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 21 (S) J Needham 9-10-0 J R Kavanagh
8 3535 NEW HALEN 22 (CD,F,G,S) A James 13-10-0 F Perratt (5)
9 1P/6 TURPIN'S GREEN 16 (G) J King 11-10-0 T Jenks (3)
10 53-4 SANDMOOR PRINCE 34 (F,G) P Pritchard 11-10-0 P Pritchard

9-4 Eastshaw, 9-2 Square Jim, 5-1 Comedy Road, 7-1 Saraville, Lauderdale Lad, 8-1 New Halen, 12-1 Lastofthevikings, 16-1 others.

2.50 RADNOR NOVICES CHASE
(£2,678: 2m 4f) (9)

1 1333 MAN OF THE GRANGE 14 (D,F,S) W Clay 8-11-6 D Bridgwater
2 F-1U SMITH'S BAND 12 (G) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-6 W Marston
3 4/5P FINAL ACE 88 Mrs A Price 7-11-0 Mr M Jackson
4 P-00 FUN SPORT 38 Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-0 S Wynne (3)
5 3FP- LOCAL MANOR 212 O Sherwood 7-11-0 M Richards
6 40-P NAVAL BATTLE 19 (S) J King 7-11-0 S Fox (5)
7 -406 STERLING BUCK 7 G Yardley 7-11-0 J R Kavanagh
8 6P0- BELLE LOCK 181 D C Tucker 6-10-9 M Griffiths (7)
9 /P-3 MISS MAGIC 14 G Maundrell 9-10-9 Mr G Maundrell

6-4 Smith's Band, 3-1 Man Of The Grange, 4-1 Local Manor, 10-1 Sterling Buck, Miss Magic, 14-1 Fun Sport, Belle Lock, 16-1 others.

3.20 NORTON CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,283: 2m) (17)

1 P/0 IVORS GUEST 7 (D,F,S) P Pritchard 8-12-0 P Pritchard
2 -11F DAYS OF THUNDER 66 (D,BF,G) J White 6-11-12 J Railton
3 1-42 DOUBLE THE STAKES 19 (D,F) D Burchell 5-11-11 D J Burchell
4 25-6 NORTHERN NATION 13 (D,G) W Clay 6-11-9 Diane Clay
5 2F-2 RUSTY ROC 7 (CD,F,G,S) G Davies 13-11-7 R Davis
6 1135 FLUIDITY 19F (CD,F,G) J O'Shea 6-11-5 F Leahy (5)
7 -5P5 DON'T FORGET MARIE 10 (BF,F,G,S) A Bailey 4-11-4 A Procter (3)
8 3R50 AUSTHORPE SUNSET 17 (V,D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-10-13 Mr R Armson
9 4F0- PRINCESS TATEUM 14F (D,G) Mrs M McCourt 4-10-13 G McCourt
10 30-4 TRISTAN'S COMET 9 (D,G) J L Harris 7-10-11 D Bridgwater
11 43/6 CLASSIC EXHIBIT 6 (D,G) A Forbes 5-10-9 T Eley (3)
12 P-54 ALOSAILI 17 (CD,F,G) B Stevens 7-10-8 M Stevens
13 2204 WELL APPOINTED 14 T Caldwell 5-10-1 Pat Caldwell
14 3/P- WASSLS MILLION 475 T Morton 8-10-0 I Lawrence
15 -44P MABTHUL 30 (D,F) R Juckes 6-10-0 N Juckes (7)
16 0FP4 THEM TIMES 29 F Jordan 5-10-0 J Lodder
17 6P00 PROSPECT OF WHITBY 13 P Pritchard 8-10-0 W Marston

9-2 Tristan's Comet, 5-1 Double The Stakes, 6-1 Rusty Roc, 7-1 others.

3.50 GRUNWICK STAKES
(National Hunt Flat race: £1,676: 2m) (18)

1 1-0 NEBAAL 27 (G) G Thorner 4-11-7 J A McCarthy (3)
2 23- BENBEATH 253 M Hammond 4-11-0 S Lyons (3)
3 25- CRANE HILL 218 P Hobbs 4-11-0 Mr S Mulcaire (7)
4 0 DEEP SONG 34 P Pritchard 4-11-0 Mr M Rimell (7)
5 DUKE'S MOUNT D Nicholson 4-11-0 R Massey (7)
6 2 ELEGANT SPECTACLE 34 (BF) D Murray Smith 4-11-0 Mr G Hogan (5)
7 ILEWIN GERRY M Ahern 4-11-0 A Bates (5)
8 0 ON APPRO 164 P Johnson 5-11-0 Mark Roberts (7)
9 0 RIVER ROOM 12 K Bailey 4-11-0 F Leahy (5)
10 5 ROBER DE MOWBRAY 34 R Brotherton 4-11-0 T Eley (3)
11 ROUND OF DRINKS H Oliver 4-11-0 Philip Hughes (7)
12 SEYMOUR SPY Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-0 S Wynne (3)
13 STORM NORTH Miss H Knight 4-11-0 A Procter (3)
14 ZITAS SON D Gandolfo 4-11-0 D Leahy (3)
15 3 CORNISH PASTY 34 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-9 T Jenks (3)
16 30- ELUSIVE STAR 180 J White 4-10-9 R Davis
17 0- FORTRIA ROSIE DAWN 255 M Scudamore 4-10-9 S Curran (5)
18 0 VIOLET ROSE 19 J Spearing 4-10-9 Miss T Spearing (7)

7-2 Cornish Pasty, 5-1 Duke's Mount, 6-1 Elegant Spectacle, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 18 winners from 68 runners, 26.5%; K Bailey, 9 from 42, 21.4%; P Hobbs, 7 from 35, 20.0%; M Pipe, 12 from 63, 19.0%; Miss H Knight, 7 from 39, 17.9%; T Forster, 6 from 39, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: J R Kavanagh, 6 winners from 31 rides, 19.4%; J Railton, 6 from 37, 16.2%; W Marston, 7 from 50, 14.0%. Only qualifiers

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

12.50 (2m hdle) 1, Certainly Strong (A Maguire, 11-8); 2, Elastic (20-1); 3, Seasonal Splendour (11-10 fav). 12 ran. 1l, 6l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £11.10. CSF: £28.43.

1.20 (3m 4f ch) 1, Percy Thrower (D Bridgwater, 10-1); 2, Sounds Strong (5-1); 3, Toogood To Be True (11-10 fav). 8 ran. 11, 3½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £12.90; £1.80, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £53.50. CSF: £56.75.

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Saint Ciel (J Lodder, Evens fav); 2, Little Bromley (13-2); 3, Col Buckmore (5-2). 5 ran. NR: Zajira. 2½l, 15l. F Jordan. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.10. DF: £6.60. CSF: £7.10.

2.20 (3m ch) 1, Captain Dibble (D Bridgwater, 15-8 jt-fav); 2, Run For Free (15-8 jt-fav); 3, General Pershing (9-4). 4 ran. 7l, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.80. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.40.

2.50 (2m ch) 1, Native Mission (M Dwyer, 2-1); 2, Spree Cross (5-2); 3, Mutual Trust (5-4 fav). 4 ran. 4l, 15l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.60. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.92.

3.20 (2m 6f hdle) 1l, Better Bythe Glass (D Bridgwater, 5-2) 1l, Maybe O'Grady (P Niven, 7-2); 3, Little Gunner (14-1). The Grey Monk 11-8 fav. 11 ran. Dd-ht, 1l. N Twiston-Davies, Mrs M Reveley. Tote. Better Bythe Glass £1.60, Maybe O'Grady £2.20, Better Bythe Glass £1.40, Maybe O'Grady £1.40, £1.90. DF: £5.40. CSF: Better Bythe Glass, Maybe O'Grady £8.12. Maybe O'Grady, Better Bythe Glass £6.56.

3.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Googly (A Maguire, 8-2); 2, Zealous Kitten (8-1); 3, Grey Power (7-4 fav). 7 ran. 4l, nk. J Wilson. Tote: £3.30; £1.90, £2.90. DF: £12.50. CSF: £20.92.

Jackpot: £3,779.60.
Placepot: £33.60. Quadpot: £56.20.

Kempton Park

Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Greenback (Peter Hobbs, 9-4); 2, Golden Arrow (4-9 fav); 3, Sheriff (20-1). 7 ran. 2l, 25l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £1.20. CSF: £3.38.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, Cell Home (P Hide, 13-8 fav); 2, Top Brass (8-4); 3, Texan Baby (5-1). 6 ran. 25l, 12l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.29.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Dublin Flyer (B Powell, 10-11 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Bibendum (8-1); 3, Retail Runner (14-1). 5 ran. 25l, 20l. T Forster. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £2.90. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.32.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Sound Reveille (G Bradley, 8-11 fav); 2, Capsize (20-1); 3, Jimmy The Gillie (11-8). 4 ran. 10l, 11l. C Brooks. Tote: £1.70. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.91.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Major Summit (P Hide, 14-1); 2, Seod Rioga (12-1); 3, Cheryl's Lad (10-3). Snerwood Boy 11-4 fav. 10 ran. 5l, 1¾l. J Gifford. Tote: £9.30; £2.50, £2.50, £1.40. DF: £53.40. CSF: £162.14.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Overlord (M Richards, 2-1 fav); 2, Nadjati (9-4); 3, Wings Cove (11-4) 4 ran. 15l, 3l. W Muir. Tote: £3.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.27.

Placepot: £78.70.
Quadpot: £27.70.

Hereford

Going: good to soft (good in places)

1.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Dakota Girl (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2, Fleur De Tal (9-1); 3, Night In A Million (13-8 fav). 14 ran. ½l, 20l. G Balding. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £6.80. CSF: £20.96

1.35 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Polk (J Lower, 100-30); 2, Fast Run (13-2); 3, Escadaro (12-1) Smiles Ahead 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 4l, 1¾l. M Pipe. Tote, £3.50; £1.20, £1.50, £6.90 DF: £8.70. CSF: £24.29.

2.05 (2m 3f ch) 1, Dextra Dove (S Earle, 13-8 fav); 2, Evening Rain (11-2). 3, Pardon Me Mum (7-4). 4 ran. 6l, 4l. R Alner. Tote: £2.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.58.

2.35 (2m ch) 1, Embley Buoy (S Curran, 16-1), 2, Major Bush (9-2); 3, Truss (9-4 fav) 7 ran. 1l, 8l. J Mullins. Tote: £30.50; £7.20, £2.50. DF: £95.50. CSF: £74.68.

3.05 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, First Century (J Lower, 6-1); 2, Fortina's Song (10-1); 3, Zayan (14-1). Gunmaker 5-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Alias Silver, Onjo. 4l, 5l. M Pipe. Tote. £4.40, £2.00, £3.70, £5.40. DF: £47.30. Trio: not won (pool of £444.37 carried forward to 4.30 at Haydock Park). CSF: £61.66. Tricast £747.47.

3.35 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Badbury Lad (R Greene, 7-1); 2, Carlingford Belle (50-1); 3, Prince Of Salerno (11-4). Magsood 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 1¼l, 15l. Mrs J Renfree-Barons. Tote: £9.20; £2.00, £4.70, £2.20. DF: £137.40. Trio: £246.00. CSF: £186.95. Tricast: £1,076.66.

4.05 (2m 1f) 1, Sevso (R Massey, 11-10 fav). 2, Verona Princess (33-1); 3, Glenbrook Fort (20-1). 17 ran. 11l, 1l. D Nicholson. Tote. £2.80, £1.10, £8.30, £6.50. DF: £54.10. CSF. £46.26.

Placepot: £734.30. Quadpot: not won (pool of £95.80 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Southwell

Going: standard

12.10 (1m) 1, Milleoin (T Quinn, 6-1). 2, Nellie's Gamble (7-1); 3, Spencer's Revenge (9-4 fav). 16 ran. 2½l, sh hd. R Akehurst. Tote: £6.20; £2.30, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £15.30. CSF: £51.12

12.40 (7f) 1, Barrel Of Hope (J Fortune, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Shooter (4-1). 3, Shot The Sheriff (10-1). Winterbottom 9-4 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: Cash, Stanna. ¾l, 5½l. J Eyre. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.90, £6.50. DF: £6.60. CSF: £14.17.

1.10 (1m) 1, Battle Colours (S D Williams, 6-1); 2, Maljoor (14-1). 3, Langtonian (20-1) Allinson's Mate 4-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: As Such. 3l, 3½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £8.10; £2.90, £9.10, £4.70. DF. £135.40. CSF. £92.96.

1.40 (7f) 1, Mullitover (Stephen Davies, 12-1); 2, Hawwam (11-2). 3, Berge (12-1). Sandmoor Denim 11-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Caherass Court. 2½l, 1¾l. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £22.10; £4.90, £1.70, £3.50. DF: £42.90. Trio. £308.40 (pool of £67.17 carried forward to 3.40 at Haydock Park today). CSF. £78.01. Tricast: £763.64.

2.10 (7f) 1, Mister Fire Eyes (B Doyle, 4-1 jt-fav). 2, Tee Tee Too (10-1); 3, Sami Amigo (4-1 jt-fav). 4, Jilly Jaffa Cake (25-1). 16 ran. 6l, 2l. C Britain. Tote: £4.50, £1.20, £1.90, £2.00, £14.40. DF: £18.80. Trio. £18.00. CSF: £47.60. Tricast: £169.48.

2.40 (1m 6f) 1, Sassiver (T Ives, 11-1); 2, Greenacres Star (6-1). 3, Dawn Rock (6-1). Atlantic Way 3-1 fav. 16 ran. 5l, 1½l. R Hollinshead. Tote. £17.70; £4.70, £2.70, £3.30. DF: £35.40. CSF: £64.38.

3.10 (6f) 1, Chadleigh Lane (T Ives, 8-1). 2, Always Grace (11-4 fav). 3, Tael Of Silver (20-1) 16 ran. 2½l, 3½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £8.90; £2.80, £1.60, £13.60. DF. £18.90. CSF £34.81.

3.40 (5f) 1, Croft Pool (T Ives, 20-1); 2, Broadstairs Beauty (6-1); 3, Press The Bell (8-1). 4, Primula Bairn (7-1). Bangles 4-1 fav. 17 ran. 1l, 2½l. J Glover. Tote: £19.80; £3.30, £3.10, £3.10, £1.70. DF: £111.00. Trio. £478.90 (pool of £604.54 carried forward to 3.40 at Haydock today). CSF: £145.48. Tricast: £992.04.

Placepot: £409.70. Quadpot: not won (pool of £39.80 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

United States salutes as rebel with many causes says fond farewell

Cheers and tears as Navratilova rides away

Ben Macintyre watches the end of a uniquely successful tennis career

MARTINA Navratilova went out in a blaze of all-American glory at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night, losing the final singles match of her tennis career in the first round of the Virginia Slims Championships to Gabriela Sabatini and garnering the sort of farewell that the United States reserves for its national icons.

The extravagant fanfare was, of course, a tribute to the most successful tennis player ever, but it was also a nationalist ceremony, a gesture of adoring acceptance for a woman who fought long and hard to become an American.

About 18,000 supporters cheered themselves hoarse after Melissa Etheridge sang the national anthem to begin proceedings and they continued cheering after Navratilova's 6-4, 6-2 defeat as a banner was raised to the roof of the stadium to honour the 38-year-old player — the first time, as the host Al Trautwig pointed out, that such homage has been paid to an athlete who was not "a basketball player, a hockey player, a coach or a man". A five-minute video was played detailing her extraordinary career and a black and chrome Harley-Davidson motorbike was wheeled out as a farewell gift to the strains of *Born To Be Wild*.

> 'There was a glimmer of guilt behind all the cheers'

Her retirement has been the occasion for some of the most fulsome accolades in the history of sport. "She is mentor, conscience, role model, our own World Icon," breathed *Newsweek*. *Newsday* called her "the greatest woman ever to pick up a tennis raquet".

Yet there was a glimmer of guilt, even apology, behind all the raucous cheering, for the United States did not easily take to the hard-hitting Czech with the outspoken political views, the lesbian lifestyle and the astonishing ability to win. She was pegged as the villain in her long rivalry with Chris Evert, America's demure bob-by-socked girl-next-door.

Nobody has worked harder to become an American than Navratilova, after announcing her desire to stay during the US Open when she was 18 years old. She wore Dallas Cowboy sweatshirts, immersed herself in American sport and politics and quoted Mark Twain, but her sex life, her politics, even her aggressive, left-handed off-baseline style of play, set her apart.

"Most athletes don't get controversial because you don't get endorsements. It's like taking a pay cut for being honest," Navratilova said after Tuesday night's valedictory match, during which she wore a patch with a red ribbon to signify her support for the fight against Aids.

Now Navratilova's very otherness and honesty has transformed her life into the quintessential American success story: the immigrant who overcame the odds — her parent's divorce, her father's suicide, Soviet oppression in her homeland, the intense scrutiny of her private life — to win and then win again. "Has there ever been a better rags-to-riches story in modern sports?" *The New York Times* wondered.

"I'm the home team everywhere," Navratilova said recently. "It wasn't always like that," her erstwhile doubles partner, Pam Shriver, observed. "The barriers came down, barriers of somebody with a funny name born in a foreign country with a different lifestyle, with muscles."

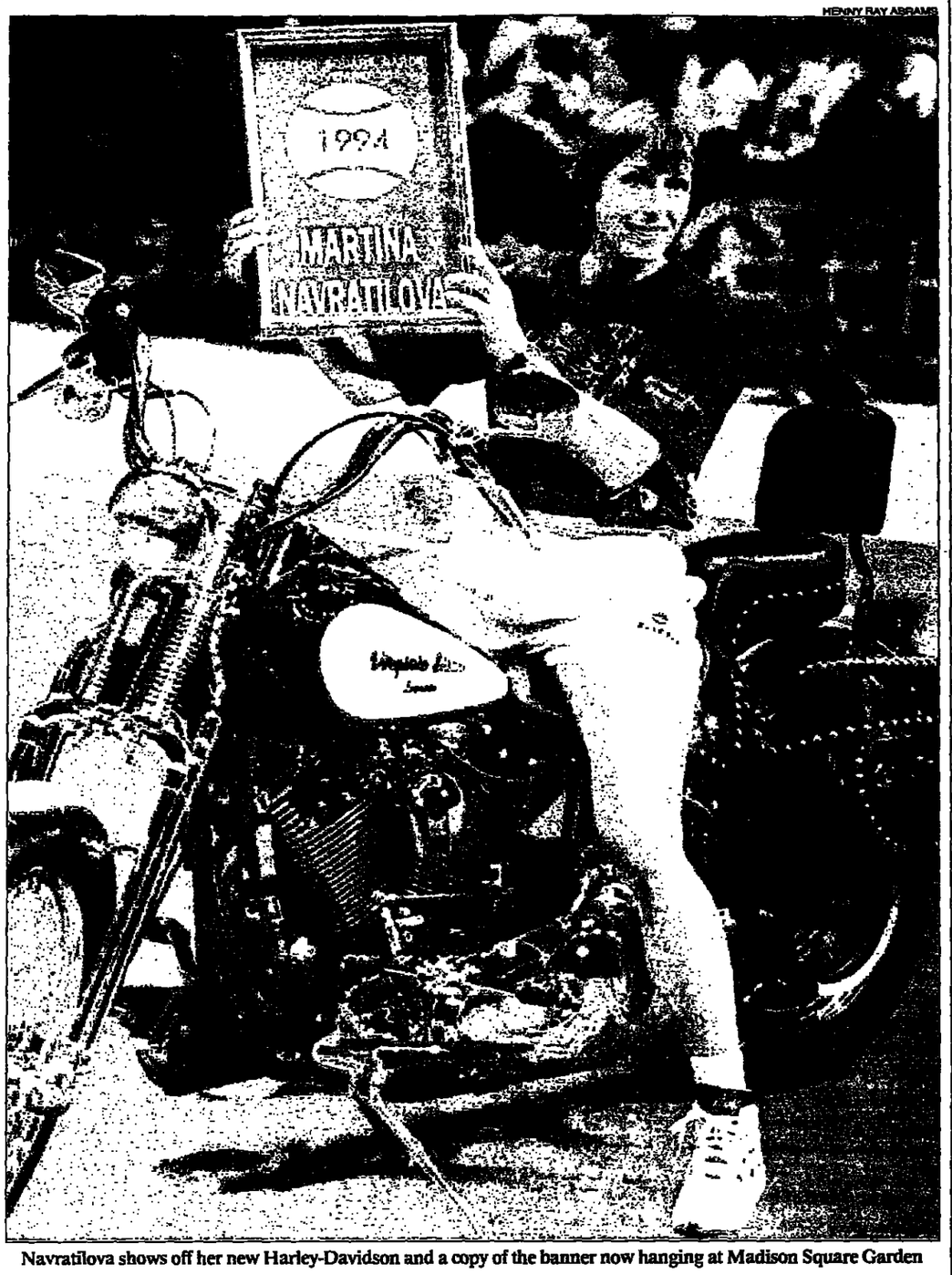
Navratilova's grace in defeat and emotional vulnerability, both in evidence on Tuesday night, have reinforced the United States' late-blooming love affair with the woman who won 167 singles titles. "There were a lot of emotions going on in my head and heart," she said after the match and, as always, she was ready to wear them on her sleeve and her face.

"I don't know if I should cry or laugh," she said after losing in straight sets. The fervent crowd would have settled for either, and got both, as she clutched tissues and flowers and admitted: "I got blown off the court tonight by someone playing in another zone."

Navratilova has won every honour in tennis in the past 22 years, yet it was appropriate that her farewell gift was an object that had nothing to do with the sport and everything to do with her other goals: a gleaming motorbike, symbol of rebellion, of gay liberation to some, of American adventure. The presentation had all the subtlety of an overhead smash, but, as Navratilova prepared to depart, revving off into the sunset, it was perhaps the final proof that she had arrived.

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HENNY RAY ABRAMS



Navratilova shows off her new Harley-Davidson and a copy of the banner now hanging at Madison Square Garden



Navratilova and Sabatini embrace after the American's defeat in the Virginia Slims Championships in New York

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

1956: Born Prague, Czechoslovakia.
1973: Reaches third round at Wimbledon and quarter-finals in French Open.
1974: Wins first title, in Orlando.
1975: Beaten in US and French Open finals. Winning Czech Federation Cup team.
1978: Wins first of nine Wimbledon singles titles — first grand slam title.
1981: Becomes naturalised American citizen. Wins first Australian Open title.
1982: Winning United States Federation Cup team. Wins first French Open title. First of six successive Wimbledon titles. Becomes world No 1 in June, a position she then held until June 1985 (156 weeks).
1983: Wins first US Open title.
1984: Wins seven women's grand slam titles, missing only Australian singles.
1987: World No 1 for the last time (in August).
1990: Last of nine Wimbledon singles titles.
1994: Beaten in final of last Wimbledon. Beaten in final match of career in New York.

CAREER TITLES: Grand slam: 18 singles, 37 doubles; 149 other singles titles; world No 1 for 332 weeks.

RADIO CHOICE

Ruled by insanity

The Madness of Kings. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

Christopher Cook's two-part inquiry into the weird but not so wonderful ways of rulers through the ages comes to the only conclusion possible, given the fascinating selection of case-histories: that the link between power and madness is irrefutable. Not all the evidence provided by Cook's expert witnesses is as comprehensible as the theory about Stalin's megalomania — that it was revenge for boyhood beatings by his father and priests. The programme has to admit that we still do not know for sure what was wrong with George III. And, after all this time, we will never know why Charles VI of France thought he was made of glass.

Reaching for the Sky. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Dave Dixon's first radio play is about one of those dark clouds that can intermittently blot out the sun of adolescence. It is about a prank by two teenagers that goes horribly wrong. The setting is 1956, the year of the Suez crisis. The teenagers (played by Richard Pearce and Richard Kill), bitten by the aviation bug, chum up with an older youth (Sean Harris) who makes model aircraft. The two flight fanatics live out the funny-voiced fantasies of *The Goon Show*, while their withdrawn friend nurses secrets that are never fully explained. Dixon writes with authority about aircraft and the rituals of boyhood, but does not quite succeed in making them dramatically compatible with one another.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes with the Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Steve Wright in the Morning 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Soundbite: music magazine 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anna Ford 2.00pm Angela Rippon 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines, with Roy Hudd and June Whitfield 7.30 Country Club, hosted by country music star Eddie Rabbitt 9.00 Paul Jones presents a mixture of vintage rhythm and blues and the best of the recent releases 9.45 Gospel Train, from the Church of God Seventh Day, Derby 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.35 The Magazine, with Diana Madill including at 9.40 Film Review; 10.35 Euronews; 11.15 Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, including at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport in full 7.35 Women on Top: sport from the woman's point of view 8.05 Arthur Smith on the Floor: live debate 9.05 SportsAmerica 10.05 News Talk, with Paul Reynolds 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves, with Steve Sampson 2.00-5.00 Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Network UK 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Good Books 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News and Business 9.15 From Our Own Correspondent 9.30 The Farming World 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Music, Mirth and Memories of Childhood 11.00 Newsdesk 11.15 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Multitrack 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 The Learning World 3.00 News 3.15 The Greenfield Collection 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News and Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoskop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News and Business 10.15 Network UK 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Music, Mirth and Memories of Childhood 12.00 News 12.15am Music Review 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 On the Move 1.45 Global Concerns 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Death Comes Staccato 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Maspin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono Breakfast 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyte 2.00-6.00am Jenny Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Fauré, arr Iasella (Après un rêve); Dvořák (The Wild Dove); Quartet Collection; Haydn (String Quartet in E, Op 17 No 1); Scheidt, arr P. Jones (Canzona a 10); Nielsen (Symphonic Rhapsody); Telemann (Concerto in C; Philip Pickett; New London Consort)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Rossini. Excerpts from the operas *Ermiona*, *La Donna del Lago* and *Bianca e Falliero* (r)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Edward Blakeman. Mussorgsky (Intermezzo Symphonique in modo classico); Robin Orr (Lyric Piece No 3); Fauré (Barcarolle in D minor, Op 90); Chabrier (Aubade); 10.20 Artist of the Week: Thea King, clarinet. Schumann (Märchenerzählungen); Hahn (Piano Concerto No 1: Stephen Coombe); Shostakovich (Symphony No 6: BBC Symphony Orchestra)
12.00 Ensemble: Piers Lane, piano, plays Glazunov (Variations in F sharp minor, Op 72); Schnittke (Variations on a chord); Rachmaninov (Variations on a theme of Chopin, Op 22)
1.00pm The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Fedor Glushchenko. Mendelssohn (Overture: The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave; Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish) (r)
2.00 Schools: Radio Q and A (r) 2.05 In the News 2.25 Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies 2.40 Music Course 3 — Sherlock Holmes and the Rogues Gallery
3.00 Popov and Schnittke, presented by David Fanning. Popov (Symphony No 2: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev); Schnittke (Symphony No 1: Paul Magi, jazz violin, Rein Rannap, jazz piano; BBC Symphony Orchestra under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky)
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson listens to the Lindsay Quartet during rehearsal
5.15 In Tune, with Linda Ormiston in Glasgow. Liszt (Mephisto Waltz); 7.03 Gounod (Faust, excerpts)
7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, live from Cardiff, under Grant Llewellyn. Peter Donohoe, piano. Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A); 8.10 Shut Up and Dance! Project. 8.30 Charlie Barber (Shut Up and Dance! BBC commission, first broadcast); Gershwin, arr Grofé (Rhapsody in Blue); Ginastera (Four Dances, Estancia)
9.20 Everybody's Shakespeare: The challenge of translating Shakespeare
9.50 The Jazz Influence: Martinů (La Revue de cuisine); Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto)
10.15 The Guitar in Jazz: Last in the series
10.45 Night Waves: Valentine Cunningham talks to Sioux writer Susan Power
11.30-12.30am Voices: The second of three programmes of Russian songs, by Mussorgsky, Borodin and Tchaikovsky
1.00-1.40 Night School: German Stories — Buchensgal

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk investigates questions of morality
10.00-10.30 News; Beau Geste (FM only): Final episode of P.C. Wren's Foreign Legion adventure. Beau faces the twin terrors of Lejaune and the Touaregs, and John faces the Sahara Desert. With David Lumsden, Michael Lumsden and Kenneth Cranham
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Paradise Regained (LW only): Episode eight
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets Dr Anne McLaren, foreign secretary of the Royal Society. Serial: *Knowledge of Angels*. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Year in Question: Eight news and current affairs broadcast teams do battle. This week, BBCtv's *Panorama* v Granada Television's *World in Action* 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play; Reaching for the Sky. See Choice
3.00 Anderson Country, with Gerry Anderson
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope in Belfast: Paul Allen reports on the changing cultural climate of Northern Ireland
4.45 Short Story: A Fairy Tale of Sorts, by Owen McCafferty. Read by Sean Kearns
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Harry Hill's Fruit Corner: Family fun with Arthur Mullard
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Madness of Kings: See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Peter Kellner on third parties in two-party political systems
8.45 Medical Notes: Michael Oliver presents the first of six programmes looking at the illnesses and deaths of the great composers, beginning with Beethoven
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Ted Harrison
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Nights at the Circus, by Angela Carter. Read by Lesley Manville
11.00 Stanza: Simon Armitage looks at musical interpretations of William Blake's poetry
11.30-12.00 Tales from the Back of Beyond (FM only): The second of four programmes about expeditions to far-flung corners of the earth. Teacher Tim Gunn and a team of pupils encounter opposition when they try planting a dry forest in Madagascar (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Clay-court specialist out of depth among elite

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN FRANKFURT

THIS year's ATP Tour world championship has been devalued by the inclusion of Alberto Berasategui. During the first two days, the deficiencies of the 21-year-old from Bilbao, the youngest in the field of eight, has in turn exposed the flaws in the qualifying system.

Berasategui is officially regarded as the seventh-best player in the world, but his status has been achieved exclusively by his performances on clay, on which he excels. On faster surfaces, he is ordinary: on an indoor carpet, he is inadequate. Here he has been an embarrassment.

On Tuesday night, he took a mere two games off Andre Agassi. Yesterday, albeit with a damaged right hand, he won only one against Michael Chang. In the second set of both matches, Berasategui was able to gain a total of no more than 15 points.

Together, the defeats are the heaviest to have been inflicted on one player in the history of the event, which was inaugurated in 1970. Of the six competitors to have been overwhelmed, the last three were Tomas Smid in 1986, Mats Wilander in 1985, and José Higueras in 1980.

They were dismissed respectively by Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg, each of whom went on to be crowned as the world champion the same year. Even with the assistance of the Almighty, Chang (who again insisted that "God loves me") cannot claim to be in their class.

In ten previous round-robin matches, he had recorded only one empty victory — over a plainly uninterested Jim Courier last year. Nevertheless, there has not been a whiff of suspicion that Berasategui has been prepared to take the money (each of the qualifiers receives $75,000) and run.

He is a novice, palpably out of his depth. Before arriving here from Buenos Aires on Monday, he had played indoors only half a dozen times in his life and the only opponent whom he had managed to beat was Omar Camporese, an Italian ranked No 251 in the world.

Under the present system, though, nobody can question his right to compete in the Festhalle. Other than Pete Sampras, Berasategui, the French Open runner-up, has collected more titles than any one else this year — but, of his 65 victories, 63 of them were on clay.

As Agassi commented: "He should not be able to play in a bunch of small clay-court tournaments to get his ranking high enough to come here. That is not the way the tour should be structured. There should be some stipulation as to the different surfaces you should have to play."

Since 1990, when the ATP Tour was formed, players have been rated on their best 14 tournaments. There is nothing to prevent Berasategui, who is second only to Sergi Bruguera on clay, from disguising his shortcomings elsewhere yet, as an all-rounder, he is clearly incomplete.

Two conditions would remove the anomaly. Either a proportion (say, ten) of the best 14 results should be on one surface or the number of tournaments which count towards the rankings should be raised (say to 20). Discussions to that effect are already taking place.

Too late, however, to raise the calibre of the red group, by far the weaker of the two. Bruguera, assuming that he confirms his superiority over Berasategui, and Agassi, so long as he continues his dominance over Chang, should reach the semi-finals virtually unchallenged.

During the preliminary stages, the white group contains almost all of the quality and integrity of the event. It was lifted in the later afternoon by Boris Becker, who beat Sampras to become the first to stake a claim to a place in the last four.

Sampras, though the top seed, has yet to regain top form since leg injuries enforced a brief autumn hibernation. Since regaining the Wimbledon title, he has suffered six defeats in 20 matches. A seventh, against either Goran Ivanisevic or Stefan Edberg, might eliminate him.

In recording his second win in straight sets over Sampras in a fortnight, 7-5, 7-5, in 103 minutes, Becker established himself as the leader of a comparatively powerful quartet. Germany's lone representative, his burden should have been shared by Michael Stich. A far more complete player than Berasategui, he belatedly dropped out of contention.

RESULTS

RED GROUP: M Chang (US) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-1, 6-0; A Agassi (US) bt Berasategui 6-2, 6-0

WHITE GROUP: B Becker (Ger) bt P Sampras (US) 7-5, 7-5.

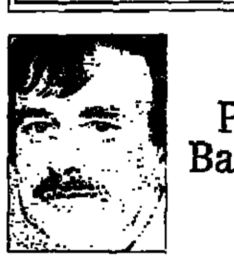
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REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Nothing in the relatively short history of television justifies the medium's existence as completely as wildlife programming, a craft now so developed and refined that it is close to being an art form.

Much like television sport, these programmes are of almost no practical value but they are vastly entertaining and endlessly fascinating. The BBC's natural history unit at Bristol was for many years in a class of its own but the worldwide upsurge of interest in the environment has unearthed, so to speak, countless wildlife photographers of real class whose work is showcased on Channel 4 as well as on the BBC.

Of course the former lacks a personality of the impact of David Attenborough, one of only two men *in the field — the other is* David Bellamy — to assist in making a household name of Rory Bremner.

The clear and obvious demand for wildlife television has sent film crews trampling into ever more unlikely nooks and crannies in search of ever more unlikely film subjects, using ever more exotic technology: we have even had birds with cameras strapped to their backs.

It was only a matter of time before the house fly was summoned from the ranks of the extras to play a starring role and last night's **Wildlife Showcase** (BBC 2) featured this humble creature, which I have pursued with a spectacular lack of success clutching a rolled-up newspaper. *Heavens no — I use a tabloid.*

The fly was filmed by Kurt Mundl, but of course there was more than one fly. I know that because a fly only lives for four weeks and Mundl could not possibly have assembled this footage in that short time. The narrator was Hugh Laurie, demonstrating the modern habit for these films of having a celebrity narrator who feels the need to show via intonation and phrasing that, yes, he is a *comedy actor on a moonlight shift.*

I find this style intrusive and I feel sure it has helped me forget how many times a minute a fly beats its wings. I do recall that the wings in question are no thicker than a membrane, that millions of flies are born every day and millions more die. So they breed, *and drop, like flies.*

Films such as this one demonstrate a mesmerising skill on the part of the film-maker and I have acquired a new respect for these silly, useless, annoying creatures. Next time I see one I shall take a broadsheet to it.

How time flies: we are apparently reaching the tenth anniversary of that centrepiece of the 1980s radical agenda, privatisation, and last night's **Dispatches** (Channel 4) took a rolled-up attitude to the policy.

By the end of of the hour it lay bruised and twitching, but very far from dead. The aim was to show that privatisation was a rip-off from which the utilities' chairmen and a few others had profited at the expense of the great British public, *but the case was not* properly made. Or rather, the case was made but it was the wrong debate.

We know that privatisation of the main utilities created millionaires *in their boardrooms, assisted* in most cases by an offer price that was too low. I think we knew that all 12 of the regional electricity board chairmen have made a million — and six of them two million.

Both Norman (Lord) Tebbit and Cecil (Lord) Parkinson, prime *movers in the process,* admitted that there might have been shortcomings in the way some privatisations were handled.

But overpaid chairmen and underpriced share issues are old hat: the real issue is whether privatisation is right in principle, whether the old public boards were the right context in which to run major businesses. Surely they were not.

Dispatches failed to see the wood for the trees, because it became obsessed with personalities and dramatic devices, including a daft stunt to do with a private club the programme invented where shadowy figures sucked on cigars and drank champagne. *Dispatches* is a very good documentary series, but this one was playing to the gallery.

No shortage of galleries in the Palace of Westminster, where the **State Opening of Parliament** (BBC 1) was played out yesterday in a ceremony designed centuries ago on the off-chance that one day someone would invent television to do the procedure justice. And not just television but the BBC, an organisation which recognises an institution when it sees one.

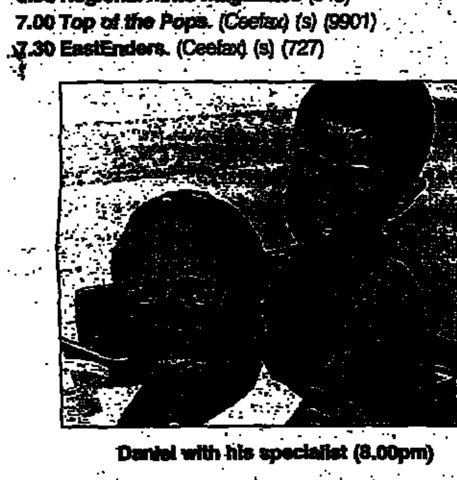
Robes, ermine, crowns, horses, carriages and liveried flunkeys walking backwards in deference to Her Majesty ... *this is the kind of* television event that shuts out foreigners and allows us to wallow in the delusion that the more things change the more they stay the same.

That is a truism *usually* expressed in French, but Lord Tebbit, commenting in the BBC's Westminster studio, was damned if he was going to use that language on this of all days. However he did say that President Mitterrand had been "a Nazi *collaborateur*" in 1940 and *that this had been kept under* wraps until recently because the French parliamentary system, unlike our adversarial one, consisted of rule by edict, which allowed such things to be covered up.

What this had to do with the state opening was not immediately clear, and I was still trying to work it out when the Lord Chancellor retreated backwards having retrieved the speech from the Queen. *Had she said anything interesting?* Search me — try Page One.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast with Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (26386)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (98163104)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (2950388)
10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5284920)
10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (Ceefax) (50223727)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7412456) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (6062814) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26378765)
***1.00 One O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (44123)*
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55655104) **1.50 Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes.** Recipes for cakes fo special occasions (s) (98920678) **2.00 Red and Blue Cartoon** (r) (75966272)
2.05 FILM: Trouble in Store (1953, b/w) starring Norman Wisdom and Margaret Rutherford. Comedy about a young man with an ambition to be a department store window dresser. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (5923611)
3.30 The Little Polar Bear (s) (3202340) **3.35 William's Wish Wellingtons** (s) (3201611) **3.40 Fireman Sam** (r) (3222104) **3.50 Brum** (s) (4211369) **4.05 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8049291) **4.35 The Boot Street Band.** (Ceefax) (s) (1349807)
5.05 Newsround (4571746) **5.10 Blue Peter.** Includes the announcement of the winner of the 1994 Smarties Book Prize and a tribute to Glenn Miller, who died 50 years ago this week. (Ceefax) (s) (5330524)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (864562)
***6.00 Six O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (291)*
6.30 Regional news magazines (543)
***7.00 Top of the Pops.** (Ceefax) (s) (9901)*
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (727)

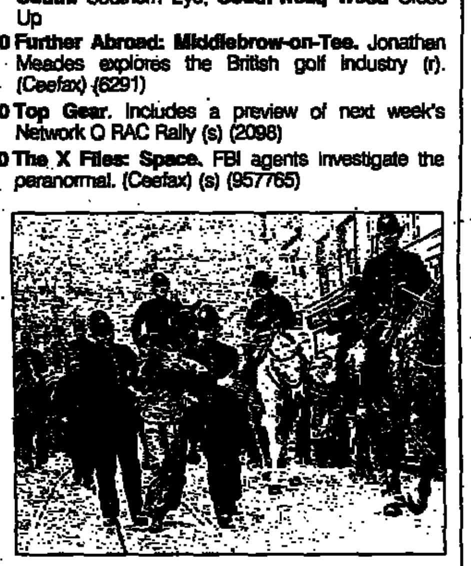


Daniel with his specialist (8.00pm)

8.00 Children's Hospital. (Ceefax) (5949)
8.30 The Vicar of Dibley. Comedy series starring Dawn French as a woman priest. (Ceefax) (4456)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7524)
9.30 Crocodile Shoes. Episode two of the seven-part drama starring Jimmy Nail as a Newcastle factory *worker with dreams of a country and western career.* (Ceefax) (s) (905543)
10.25 Question Time. David Dimbleby's guests include Janet Daley, a *Times* columnist, and MPs Malcolm Rifkind, Liz Lynne and Jack Straw. (Ceefax) *(164494).* **Wales:** *The Slate 10.55* Question Time 11.55-1.55am Film: Marathon Man
11.25 FILM: Marathon Man (1976) starring Dustin Hoffman and Laurence Olivier. A sometimes violent drama, based on the novel by William Golding, about a post-graduate student involved in the pursuit of a Nazi war criminal. Directed by John Schlesinger. (Ceefax) (115104) **1.25am Weather** (9031437)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (66586)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (8196369) **7.05 Teddy Trucks** (r) (8188340) **7.10 Thundercats** (r) (2484551) **7.35 Growing Up Wild** (r) (9632901)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6828253)
8.15 The Record. A report on yesterday's proceedings in Parliament (8142494) **8.35 Jerusalem – of Heaven and Earth.** The lives of two Jerusalem women one Arab, the other Jewish (9752901)
9.00 Daytime on Two. *Educational programmes. Plus,* for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6216253) **1.45** Storytime (56574388)
2.00 Wishing (r) (38481271) **2.10 Carol and Company.** Comedy drama series starring Carol Burnett (s) *(23187814)* **2.35 What a Carry On!** *Clips from the Carry On series of comedy films (r) (6551272)*
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross.** (Ceefax) (8213663)
3.50 News (Ceefax); regional news and weather (3219630)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (456)
4.30 From the Edge. *Current affairs series from a* disability viewpoint. (Ceefax) (340)
5.00 Home Front. Furnishing and decorating the home series (r) (7307)
5.30 Catchword. Word power game (920)
6.00 FILM: The Spy in the Green Hat (1966) starring David McCallum, Robert Vaughn and Jack Palance. A feature-length *Man from UNCLE* adventure directed by Joseph Sargent (45901)
7.30 First Sight: From Emergency to Crisis. A look at the work of the London Ambulance Service (369). **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west, West:** Close Up
8.00 Further Abroad: Middlebrow-on-Tee. Jonathan Meades explores the British golf industry (r). (Ceefax) (6291)
8.30 Top Gear. Includes a preview of next week's Network Q RAC Rally (s) (2098)
9.00 The X Files: Space. FBI agents investigate the paranormal. (Ceefax) (s) (957765)

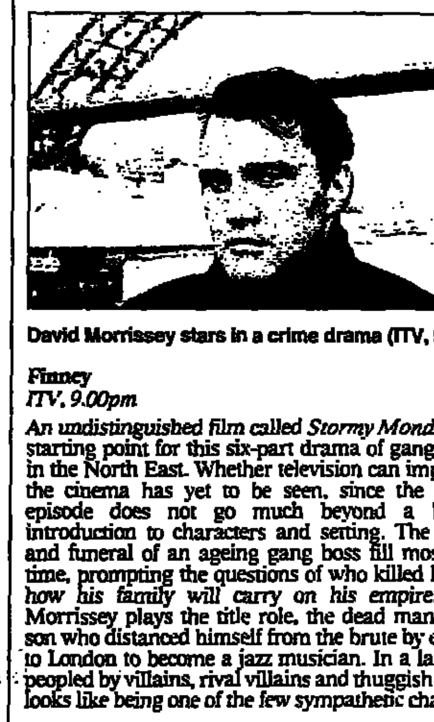


The Cable Street riots of 1936 (9.45pm)

9.45 Forbidden Britain: Riots. (Ceefax) (s) (288388)
10.30 Newsnight introduced by Jeremy Paxman (763949)
11.15 Late Review presented by Mark Lawson (s) (248340) **11.55 Weather** (340730)
12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour.** A report on the day's proceedings in Parliament (3628166). Ends at **12.55am**

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CHOICE



David Morrissey stars in a crime drama (ITV, 9.00pm)

Finney
ITV, 9.00pm

An undistinguished film called Stormy Monday is the starting point for this six-part drama of gangster folk in the North East. Whether television can improve on the cinema has yet to be seen, since the opening episode does not go much beyond a leisurely introduction to characters and setting. The murder and funeral of an ageing gang boss fill most of the time, prompting the questions of who killed him and *how his family will carry on his empire.* David Morrissey plays the title role, the dead man's eldest son who distanced himself from the brute by escaping to London to become a jazz musician. In a landscape peopled by villains, rival villains and thuggish cops, he *looks like being one of the few sympathetic characters.*

Forbidden Britain
BBC2, 9.45pm

The latest excursion into British social history between *1900 and 1960 is about civil disorder. Some of the* episodes, such as battles involving Mosley's blackshirts, have been well documented though first-hand memories help to bring them up fresh. But there was more unrest than reached the public eye, not least *because nervous governments censored newsreel* pictures. Sometimes official bans were defied, as when Paramount covered a hunger march into London in 1932. But the Harry Enfield-ish commentary was so loaded against the demonstrators that it hardly mattered. Once again this fine series, deftly blending contemporary footage and first-hand accounts, throws unexpected light into murky corners.

Children's Hospital
BBC1, 8.00pm

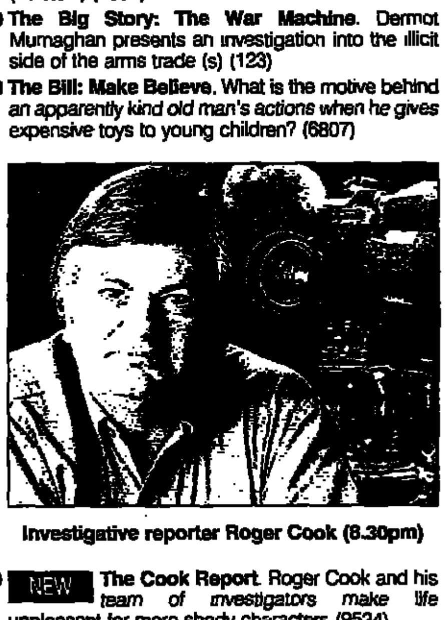
Daniel is eight and gravely ill with leukaemia. He was treated three years ago but the cancer has returned. The specialist at Sheffield Children's Hospital suggests that the only way forward is a bone marrow transplant. Without it Daniel's chances of survival are slim. But it is a risky procedure, which could go horribly wrong. Keith and Julia, Daniel's parents, are *faced with an awful choice, not made easier by the fact* that the obvious donor is their other son, four-year-old Lewis. The programme could hardly have got itself a more nail-biting scenario. Even for the viewer, distanced from the drama, the tension is hardly bearable. What the family went through, and under the full gaze of the cameras, is hard to imagine.

Witness: The Search for Alison MacDonald
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A *student from* Scotland, Alison MacDonald disappeared while on holiday in the mountains of northern India. That was in August 1981 and there has been no trace of her since. Her father, Kenny, a former customs officer and Tottenham Hotspur footballer who is now a minister in the Free Church of Scotland, is obsessively convinced she is still alive. He has made repeated visits to India, retracing her steps. The film follows him on his latest journey, from Delhi to the village in Kashmir where Alison was last seen alive. Yet again he rakes over old clues. There is also a *spiritual dimension. Briefly shaken when Alison first* went missing, Kenny's faith has survived. But it has yet to bring Alison back. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3282307)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4301098) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6226630)
10.00 The Time ... the Place (9875746)
10.35 This Morning (73786659) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7401340)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (4883153)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9502794)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (20190901)
1.55 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz tackles another issue close to women's hearts (s) (52295123)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (23102123)
2.50 Gardeners' Diary with John Ravenscroft (7239746)
3.20 ITN *News* *headlines (Teletext)* (6519765) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6518036)
3.30 The Riddlers (4235949) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (3217272) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (s) (4239765) **4.05 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (3415369) **4.20 Garfield and Friends** (r) (7582678) **4.45 Bad Influence!** (s) (5220123)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2037630)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (483746)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (849494)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (659)
6.30 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (611)
7.00 Emmerdale. The lives and loves of the farming folk. (Teletext) (1369)
7.30 The Big Story: The War Machine. Dermot Murnaghan presents an investigation into the illicit side of the arms trade (s) (123)
8.00 The Bill: Make Believe. What is the motive behind *an apparently kind old man's actions when he gives* expensive toys to young children? (6807)

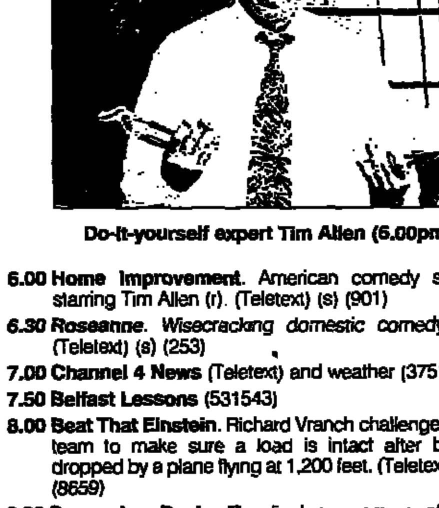


Investigative reporter Roger Cook (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **The Cook Report.** Roger Cook and his *team of investigators make life* unpleasant for more shady characters (9524)
9.00 CHOICE **Finney** (Teletext) (s) (9475)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (74727)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (228901)
10.40 Revelations. Drama following the fortunes of a *bishop's family* (s) (526949)
11.10 Big City (s) (687630)
11.40 Time Out with ... Ian Drury (s) (838562)
12.10am The Beat (r) (s) (3601499)
1.10 The Little Picture Show (r) (8256234)
2.10 The Album Show (r) (s) (2874012)
3.10 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (13653876)
3.40 Quiz Night. Stuart Hall fires questions at teams from the Windmill Hotel in Rochdale and the Mane Lloyd in London (26418470)
4.10 Donahue. America's chat show host talks to people who have had a sex change (8498895)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (59708)
5.30 ITN Morning News (14586). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (4089456)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (34746)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (84104)
9.30 Schools: Middle English (9836814) **9.45** The Maths Programme (8778104) **10.05** Scientific Eye (6233920) **10.27** Geographical Eye (8154098) **10.50** Your World (6971727) **11.00** Believe It or Not (3591036) **11.16** Reviewing the Landscape (3570543) ***11.40** French Programme (34144498)*
12.00 House to House. Maya Even reports on yesterday's parliamentary proceedings (64340)
12.30pm Sesame Street. The guests are Kevin Kline, Maya Angelou and Phoebe Cates (37901) **1.30 The Bluffers** (r) (11746)
2.00 FILM: My Foolish Heart (1949, b/w) starring Susan Hayward and Dana Andrews. A tearjerker, set at the time of Pearl Harbor, about the romance between a young woman and a soldier and its consequences. Directed by Mark Robson. (Teletext) (433340)
3.50 In and Out. Animated black comedy by Alison Snowden and David Fine (3211098)
4.00 Members Only. Ray Gosling meets the Soroptimists and discovers why he can never become a member. (Teletext) (s) (524)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (956)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are henpecked husbands (r). (Teletext) (2173017)
***5.50 Terrytoons** featuring Deputy Dawg (839017)*



Do-it-yourself expert Tim Allen (6.00pm)

6.00 Home Improvement. American comedy series starring Tim Allen (r). (Teletext) (s) (901)
***6.30 Roseanne.** Wisecracking domestic comedy (r)* (Teletext) (s) (253)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (375185)
7.50 Belfast Lessons (531543)
8.00 Beat That Einstein. Richard Vranch challenges the team to make sure a load is intact after being dropped by a plane flying at 1,200 feet. (Teletext) (s) (8659)
8.30 Screaming Reels. The final programme of the series features items on winter grayling and cane-pole fishing. Plus a report from an antique tackle auction. (Teletext) (s) (1974)
9.00 CHOICE **Witness: The Search for Alison MacDonald.** (Teletext) (s) (7017)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. A super satirical topical comedy set in a television newsroom (s) (72369)
10.30 Bakersfield P.D. American police comedy. (Teletext) (s) (640217)
11.05 Female Parts: A Dream of a Dress. *The story of a wedding dress (r). (Teletext) (278611)*
12.10am Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (8461003)
12.55 Key West. Off-beat American comedy series starring Fisher Stevens (s) (3466963)
1.55 Calypso Season. A report on Trinidad's month-long carnival (r) (8152876)
2.55 FILM: Palmy Days (1931, b/w) starring Eddie Cantor. A musical, choreographed by Busby Berkeley, directed by A. Edward Sutherland (2093708). Ends at **4.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (6226630) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News *(7401340)* **1.55** The Young Doctors (55850659) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (7239746) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6518036) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2037630) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (532123) **10.30** Anglia News (228901) **10.40** Merquee (526949) **11.10** Phoenix *(377291)* **12.10am** *Married with Children* (5076470) **12.35** Tropical Heat (3445470) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (7960437) **2.15** *America's Top Ten* (4240166) **2.40** Two and Two Make Six (5450437) **4.10** Jobfinder (68602586) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (3490960)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (6226630) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7401340) **1.55** A Country Practice (55850659) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (7239746) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6518036) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2037630) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (110494) *11.10-1.10pm BL Stryker - King of Jazz* (111386) **4.10am** Jobfinder (1203298) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2342925)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street *(9502794)* **1.25** *Home and Away (87372678)* **1.50** Vanessa (52263524) **2.20** Highdays and Otherdays (23194104) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (7239746) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2037630) **6.25** Granada Tonight (278982) **6.50** The Bradshaws (912366) **7.00-7.30** *Emmerdale* (1369) **10.30** Granada News (228901) **10.40** Revelations (526949) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide (687630) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (821659) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (3445470) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (7960437) **2.15** America's Top Ten (4240166) **2.40** Two and Two Make Six (5450437) **4.10** Jobfinder (68602586) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (3490960)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.25 Gardening Time (23193475) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6568562) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2037630) **5.55** Home and Away (660746) **6.25-7.00** *HTV News* (532123) **10.40** The Good Sex Guide (526949) **11.10** Midweek (687630) **11.40** The West This Week (838562) **12.10am** *Married With Children* (5076470) **12.35** Tropical Heat (3445470) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (7960437) **2.15** America's Top Ten (4240166) **2.40** Two and Two Make Six (5450437) **4.10** Jobfinder (68602586) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (3490960)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (532123) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (123) **11.10** 5th Column (687630) **11.40-12.10pm** The Big Story (838562)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55850659) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7239746) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2037630) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (659) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (611) **10.40** Double Edge (93348765) **12.30am-1.10** Ready When You Are (1668470) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (59708)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.20pm Westcountry News (7427388) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7426659) **2.25** The Sullivans (23193475) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry *News; Weather* (6518036) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2037630) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (98624) **10.30** Westcountry News *(228901)* **10.40** Westcountry Focus: Fair's Fair (526949) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H *(849920)* **12.05am** *Coach* (1108944) **12.35** Tropical Heat (3445470) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (7960437) **2.15** America's Top Ten (4240166) **2.40** Two and Two Make Six (5450437) **4.10** Jobfinder (68602586) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (3490960)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55850659) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (7239746) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2037630) **5.55** Calendar (532098) **6.30-7.00** Runway (611) **10.40** Edit V (756659) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (644475) **12.20am** The Murder That Wouldn't Die (704437) **2.05** America's Top Ten (8105079) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3373418) **3.05** Memories of 1970-1991 (5590031) **4.00-5.30** Jobfinder (35586)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (34746) **9.00** You Bet *Your Life (84104)* **9.30** Ysgolion (545727) **12.00pm** House To House (64340) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (12475) **1.00** Hullaballoo *(37833)* **1.30** *For Love Or Money (38630)* **2.30** Members Only (272) **3.00** Ride On (1730) **3.30** Ricki Lake (8468511) **4.20** Terrytoons (3769678) **4.30** The Cosby Show (868) **5.00** 5 Pump (2475) **5.30** Fifteen To One (388) **6.00** Newyddion (206765) **6.20** Heno (522746) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2611) **7.30** Noson Lawen (85582) **8.30** Newyddion (1974) **9.00** Hell's Angel: Mother Teresa (3582) **9.30** Parise (82611) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (72369) **10.30** Waterland (16870369) **12.15am** Tales From A Darkened Room: Ball And Chain (43654)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78433) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (8019017) **8.45** Cartoons (3619122) **9.30** Card Sharks (69307) **10.00** Concentration (8672291) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9423185) **10.30** Candid Camera (39678) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael *(60185)* **12.00** *The Urban Peasant* (13630) **12.30pm** E Street (53123) **1.00** Falcon Crest (68678) **2.00** Sins (38098) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (8689291) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (1322562) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9920) **6.00** Games-world (2123) **6.30** Spellbound (3475) **7.00** E Street (7949) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9659) **8.00** Sightings (86475) **9.00** LA Law (76611) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (86098) **11.00** Late Show with *David* Letterman (532291) **11.45** W.I.O.U (433185) **12.45am** Barney Miller (93673) **1.15-1.45** *Night Court* (90588)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5240949) **9.30** News Extra (85369) **10.30** ABC Nightline (20920) **1.30pm** CBS *News* (36369) **2.30** Parliament Live (70123) **6.00** Richard Littlejohn (93388) **9.30** Worldwide Report (22758) **11.30** CBS *News* (21098) **12.30am** *ABC News* (9839418) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (7535302) **2.30** Parliament Replay (79470) **4.30** CBS *News (17370)* **5.30-6.00** ABC News *(70166)*

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (7398949) **10.00 Father of the Bride** (1991) (34611) **12.00 Beyond the Poseidon Adventure** (1979) (35901) **2.00pm The Call of the Wild** (1972) (15936) **4.00 Heartbeeps** (1981) (88884388) **5.45 Stepkids** (1991) (66175659) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** *(4727)* ***8.00 Father of the Bride** (1991):* As 10am (82659) **10.00 Night of the Living Dead** (1992) (71340) **11.30 Malcolm X** (1992) (8559369) **2.30am Night Rhythms** (1992) (871760) **4.30-6.00 Heartbeeps** (1981): As 4pm (67675)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Sign of the Cross (1932) (75920) **8.00 Some Like It Hot** (1959) (87765) **10.00-12.00 How to Get Ahead in Advertising** (1989) (39630)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Paris When It Sizzles (1963) (91833) **8.00 Gabrielle and the Doodleman** (1984) (92982) **9.00 Hiawatha.** Animated children's tale (99974) **10.00 Tripoli** (1950) (32253) **12.00 I Was a Male War Bride** (1949) (33543) **2.00pm Situation Hopeless — But Not Serious** (1965) (91920) **4.00 Gabrielle and the Doodleman** (1984) (62920) **5.00 Hiawatha.** As 9am (2630) **6.00 T Bone 'n' Weasel** (1992) (88456) **8.00 School Ties** (1992) (83901) **10.00 Blue Ice** (1992) (660366) **11.45 Birds in Paradise II** (1993) *(452746)* **1.10am Neon Empire** (1991) (82291234) **3.15 Near Mrs** (1991) (97469296)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8647253) **7.15** WWF Challenge (292229) **8.15** Soccer News *(9414765)* **8.30** *Extreme (42871)* **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (45614) **10.00** Nascar Hooters 500 (65678) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (22475) **12.30pm** International Football (59186) **2.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (2524) **3.00** ATP Tennis — Live (72746) **5.00** WWF All American (4562) **6.00** Soccer News (902562) **6.15** Sports Classics (907017) **6.30** World of Rugby (7833) **7.00** The Rugby Club (30833) **8.00** ATP Tennis — Live (968678) **11.00** Soccer News (840369) **11.15** The Rugby Club (234901) **12.15-12.45am** World of Rugby (697031)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (98271) **8.00** Equestrianism (45098) **9.00** Eurotennis (37920) **10.00** Dancing (98235) **11.00** Football (14630) **1.00pm** Eurofun (26765) **1.30** Athletics (98123) **2.30** Motors (29746) **3.30** Formula One (23307) **4.30** Triathlon (78096) **5.30** Superbike (37253) **6.30** News (2901) **7.00** Wrestling (25901) **8.00** Combat Sports (41949) **9.00** Football (12949) **10.30** Tennis (27920) **11.00** Golf (48794) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport *News (93031)*

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations: California (8113746) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3356982) **1.00** Cruising the Globe (9525185) **1.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (3354253) **2.00** American Adventurer (2268611) **2.30** Video Trips (5646307) **3.00** Travel Destinations (2285746) **3.30** Mansion (5818524) **4.00** Cruising the Globe (5637659) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5626543) ***5.00** Video Trips (2276098)* ***6.00** Getaway* (3363901) **7.00** American Adventurer (2277727) **7.30** Around the World (5627272) ***8.00** Sky Travel Guide (5061253)* **9.00** Getaway (1661497) **10.00** Round Trip: Morocco (8114475) **10.30** Alaska Video Postcards (8123123) **11.00** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (7107982) **11.30-12.00** Mansion (5182543)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (8110658) **8.30** Peyton Place (8102630) **9.00** As the World Turns (9310765) **10.00** Guiding Light (9534833) ***11.00-12.00** Another World (9521369)*



***Bruce Willis and Cybill Shepherd* (Family Channel, 9pm and 2am)**

TLC
9.00am Successful Sugarcraft (3321369) **9.30** Highdays and Other Days (6825543) **10.00** Parents Talking (2635562) **10.30** Only Human *(3597659)* **11.30** Decisions, Decisions (6558123) **12.00** The Sick Kids (3334833) **12.30pm** Cash in Hand *(6536659)* ***1.00** Highdays and Other Days* (1091253) **1.30** Successful Sugarcraft (6828630) **2.00** Draw with Don (67434291) ***2.15** Extra Dimensions (3036369)* **3.00** Successful Home Video (1799369) **3.30-4.00** Furniture to Go (2520611)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (9799524) **7.30** Neighbours *(9718659)* ***8.00** Sons and* Daughters (6549271) **8.30** EastEnders (7999712) **9.00** The Bill (3294104) **9.30** *Coldtz (9964814)* ***10.30** The Lotus Eaters* (48647369) **11.35** The Sullivans (19404659) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9894348) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7599388) **1.00** EastEnders (9721123) **1.30** The Bill (7598659) **2.00** Robin's Nest (8679727) **2.30** I Didn't Know You Cared (4742302) **3.00** Knots Landing (3686388) **4.00** Dynasty (3698123) ***5.00** Every Second Counts (2184949)* **5.35** Top of the Pops (3014833) **5.55** Terry and June (2458814) **6.30** EastEnders (9697253) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (2857765) **8.00** I Didn't Know You Cared (8682291) **8.30** Robin's Nest (8678098) **9.00** Minder (2853943) **10.00** The Bill (8444807) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9087494) **11.10** Rory Bremner (5740456) **11.50** Dr Who (4405185) **12.20am** The Goodies (8280031) **12.55** *Squadron (50438437)* ***2.00-3.00** Shopping* at Night (6457234)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (6719433) **6.15** Bobobobs (523861) **6.45** Casper and Friends (973302) **7.15** Head to Head in *3D* (2962384) **7.25** Garfield and Friends (4137340) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (1737776) ***8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7778253)* ***8.40** Titou (8590123)* **8.50** Coccinel (8596307) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (51524) **10.00** Portland Bill (35776) **11.00** Kitty Cats (48388) **11.30** Barney and Friends (49017) **12.00** Ratkan III (71765) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (39706036) **12.40** Garfield and Friends (1851901) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70948291) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51457388) **1.50** Titou (51446272) **2.00** Babar (5901) **2.30** Blinky Bill (4524) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2389291) **3.15** Bobbys World (656814) **3.45** The Bots Master (655185) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2927456) **4.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (4388)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (8678123) **7.15** Grimmy *(498727)* ***7.45** Rugrats (497098)* **8.15** Rocko's Modern Life (8412307) **8.30** Stimer and the Real Ghostbusters (19901) **9.00** *Nick Jr (584901)* **12.00** The Muppet Show (20017) **12.30pm** Rugrats (47272) **1.00** Doug (99611) **1.30** The Chipmunks (46543) **2.00** Denver (9017) **2.30** Smoggies (3494) **3.00** Nick Faves (8524) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (5611) **4.00** Turtles Gold (4746) **4.30** Rugrats (3630) **5.00** Clarissa (2229) **5.30** Doug (4982) **6.00** Rocko's Modern Life (4123) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (5475)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Third Angel (3698765) **5.00** A *Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8691949)* **5.30** The New Explorers (2477949) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (6554456) **7.00** Encyclopedia *Galactica (8671185)* **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (5097299) **8.00** Deadly Australians (8680833) **8.30** Skybound (8669340) **9.00** Secret Weapons (3692949) **9.30** Spirit of Survival (7500494) **10.00** The Embrace of the Samurai (2654678) **11.00** From the Horse's Mouth (3697494) **11.30-12.00** Life in the Wild (2350140)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Jail Bait (1954) (2899307) **1.30pm** The Donny and Marie Show (7583727) **2.00** thirtysomething (3700681) **3.00** My Three Sons (8676630) **3.30** The *Beverly Hillbillies (7992825)* ***4.00** FILM: It* Started in Paradise (1952) (8687746) **6.00** The Green Hornet (1592689) **6.30** I Spy *(3298765)* **7.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (1697433) **8.00** thirtysomething (2828253) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3689475) **9.30** FILM: Rasputin — The Mad Monk (1965) (4341765) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (4455974)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (5738307) **8.00** The Treatment (3326814) **8.30** Great *Expectations (3325185)* ***9.00** Delia Smith's* Cookery Course (1870982) **9.35** Definition (3855765) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2620630) **10.30** Susan Powter (3345949) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1015833) **12.00** The Look (1571678) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1758475) **1.30** Family Affairs (6820098) **2.00** Agony Hour (2638659) **3.00** Living Magazine (3370104) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24881962) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2534814) **4.30** Definition (49185185) **4.55** Masterchef (6873982) **5.30** Kate and Allie (2554678) **6.00** Maternal World (2544291) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2535543) **7.00** Living Magazine (1527388) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (1536036) **9.00** FILM: Criminal Intent: A woman has an affair to escape her violent husband (1539123) **11.00** The Susan Powter Show (6534543) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (2626814)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (6253) **5.30** Boogies Diner (8340) **6.00** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5253) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (9833) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6017) **7.30** Evening Shade (5017) **8.00** Snowy River (89123) **9.00** Moonlighting (76659) **10.00** Catchphrase (72494) **10.30** GP (58814) **11.00** Lou Grant (85235) **12.00** Rhoda (40963) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (94483) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (31925) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (75857) **2.00** Moonlighting (62079) **3.00** Lou Grant (86708) **4.00** Rhoda (96499) **4.30-5.00** Evening Shade (52418)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (89944) **6.30** The Grind (71814) **7.00** European Music Awards Spotlight (25123) **7.30** Awake on the Wildside (35730) **8.00** VJ Ingo (811307) **10.30** Spotlight (58543) **11.00** Soul (20678) **12.00** Greatest Hits (52433) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (54611) **2.30** Sports (6982) **3.00** *European Music Awards Spotlight (6494)* **3.30** The Report (8093843) **3.45** Cinematic (3043348) **4.00** News (2939291) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2929814) **4.30** Dial (6746) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (69456) **6.30** The Pulse (1291) **7.00** Greatest Hits (8475) **7.30** European Music Awards Spotlight (7475) **8.00** Most Wanted (40920) **9.30** *Beavis and Butt-Head* (70524) **10.00** The Report (205562) **10.15** Cinematic (200017) **10.30** News (891889) **10.45** 3 *from* 1 (348794) **11.00** The End? (14253) **1.00am** Soul (57012) **2.00** The Grind (47055) **2.30-5.00** Videos (635079)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9524456) **9.00** Cale (1353291) **12.00** The Bridge (6022307) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (3635388) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8433727) **3.30** Into the Music (8869659) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3372659) **7.00** For You (9565663) **8.00** Rock (3261271) **9.00** Ten of the Best (9861415) **10.00** The Bridge (8383611) **11.30** Top Five (398579) **12.00** Nightfly (2481944) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (5474186) **3.00** Rock (3218492) **4.00** Ten of the Best *(1595012)* **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA
6.00am *Persian Dawn* (26340) **7.00** *Asian* Morning (86475) **8.30** Bunyaad (64475) **9.00** FILM (139475) **12.00** Serial (88291) **12.30pm** *New Serial* (85456) **1.00** *Hindi* FILM (531415) **4.00** Kiddie Time (5630) **4.30** TVA and You (88394) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad *(5494)* **7.00** Forts of India (3833) ***7.30** Serial* (1659) **8.00** News (9253) **8.30** Pakistani Business Report (8388) **9.00** Hindi FILM *(873272)* **12.00** *Asian Morning (486925)* **1.35am** Sight and Sound (81376166)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Motherly Love
7.00pm The Secret of Madame Blanche (1933) (38295475) **8.35 The Miniver Story** *(1950) (57342456)* ***10.35* Three Daring Daughters** (1948) (32119562) **12.45am Four Mothers** (1941) (51453963) **2.20-5.00 Mary Stevens MD** *(1933) (92141944)*

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Smith's future in doubt as Georgia inflict humiliating defeat

SHAKH AIVAZOV/AP



Rush, the Wales striker, hurdles a challenge by Chelia during a rare threatening attack in their European championship qualifying match against Georgia yesterday

Sorry Wales sink to new depths

Georgia 5
Wales 0

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN TBILISI

ON A rainy afternoon in Georgia yesterday, Wales disappeared from European football championship contention. They slumped to their second successive defeat in the former Soviet Union and their group seven hopes are now in tatters.

Georgia, collecting their first goals and points of the qualifying campaign, were just as capable, if not more so, than Mike Smith, the Wales manager, had been warned. Although Georgia had lost to Moldavia and Bulgaria, Smith's scouts had reported of an individually talented side that would attack with pace and control. It proved to be the case, five-fold.

However, Smith had not expected such an ineffective and abject performance from his own team against a country whose football association was formed only two years ago. In the vast yet dilapidated Boris Paichadzo National Stadium, his worst fears came true.

"We are all ashamed in the dressing-room," Smith said. "We have been whacked and I may need a couple of brandies to recover from this. I would like to apologise to everyone in Wales for that display. The players are ashamed because they have been totally played off the park." Asked about his future, Smith said: "It is not about one person, but I suppose somebody has to take the blame and, of course, I am responsible because I pick the team. What lies in store for me? You can only make your own assumptions about that."

Wales made five changes from the team that lost 3-2 in Moldavia, with Neilson and Melville coming in at the back and Saunders, Rush and Hughes up front. Saunders played behind Hughes and Rush and was at his industrious best in the opening exchanges. However, it was the only plus-point in the Welsh display as Georgia, skilful and nimble, began to take control with almost contemptuous ease.

Southall made good early saves from Ketsbaya and Arveladze, but Georgia's blossoming play reached its peak on the half-hour when they took the lead. Arveladze released Gogrichiani on the right and his cross fell perfectly for Ketsbaya at the far post. He chested the ball down, looked up and curled a superb shot over Southall.

Nine minutes later, Nehsadze released Kinkladze with a fine through-ball into the heart of the Welsh half. Kinkladze raced through on his own, drew Southall and comfortably slipped his shot past him.

Sadly, Wales responded with spite, not pride, Speed being booked for a late and high tackle on Kinkladze and Hughes also receiving a yellow card for bundling over Chikhradze. It did not get better in the second half as Wales conceded another three goals in a humiliating 17-minute spell.

The third Georgia goal arrived in the 49th minute, when Ketsbaya cut in from the left and, once again, spotted Southall fractionally off his line. He glanced up and again judged his lob to perfection, leaving Southall stranded.

In the 58th minute, Gogrichiani sent in a 20-yard curler that struck a post, but it was only a temporary reprieve for Wales. Arveladze collected the ball as it bounced out towards the touchline, jinked back into the area and then supplied the waiting Gogrichiani with the pass that he wanted. Gogrichiani flicked the ball up nonchalantly and chipped it over Southall, who was by now distraught.

A brief rally followed on the hour when Phillips swung over a corner from the left and Melville ran in to power a header against the crossbar, but it was only a temporary lapse by the Georgia defence and, six minutes later, they completed the rout with yet another superb individual effort. Arveladze, a thorn in the Welsh flesh all afternoon, cut in from an angle on the right and, with Southall again exposed, picked his spot.

Wales battled on to the end, but with little inspiration or hope of success. They had then been exposed for what they are — a second or probably third-rate team — and there were no excuses. Smith and his players trooped off, their heads bowed. Smith even forgot the traditional handshake with the opposing coach, Alex Chivadze, the former Soviet Union international, but his mind was on other things. No snub was intended and none taken: it was simply a case of Smith being locked in his own thoughts. What they are will probably be revealed within the week.

GEORGIA: D Devadze; Z Revchvili, K Tskhadadze, M Chelia, G Chilchradze, K Gogrichiani, G Nehsadze (sub: G Inalichvi, 42mn), G Gogrichiani, T Ketsbaya (sub: M Kavelashvili, 75), G Kinkladze, S Arveladze.
WALES (3-4-1-2): N Southall (Everton) — A Nelson (Newcastle United; sub: K Symons, Portsmouth, 45), A Melville (Sunderland), C Coleman (Crystal Palace) — D Phillips (Nottingham Forest), B Horne (Everton), G Speed (Leeds United), M Bowen (Norwich City) — D Saunders (Aston Villa) — I Rush (Liverpool), M Hughes (Manchester United).
Referee: A Sars (France).

GROUP SEVEN

RESULTS: Georgia 0 Moldavia 1, Wales 2 Albania 0, Moldavia 3 Wales 2; Bulgaria 2 Georgia 0, Albania 1 Germany 2, Georgia 5 Wales 0, Bulgaria 4 Moldavia 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Moldova	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Georgia	3	1	0	2	5	3	3
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Wales	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Albania	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

FIXTURES: Dec 14: Wales v Bulgaria; Moldavia v Germany; Albania v Georgia. Dec 18: Germany v Albania. 1995: Mar 29: Georgia v Germany, Bulgaria v Wales, Albania v Moldavia. Apr 26: Germany v Wales, Moldavia v Bulgaria, Georgia v Albania. Jun 7: Bulgaria v Germany, Wales v Georgia, Moldavia v Albania. Sep 6: Germany v Georgia, Wales v Moldavia, Albania v Bulgaria. Oct 7: Bulgaria v Albania. Oct 8: Germany v Moldavia. Oct 11: Wales v Germany; Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria; Albania v Wales; Moldavia v Georgia

Klinsmann strikes first blow

THE Tottenham Hotspur forward, Jürgen Klinsmann, put Germany on the way to a 2-1 victory over Albania in the opening match of their European championship group seven qualifying campaign in Tirana yesterday.

Klinsmann scored after 18 minutes and although Zmijani equalised for Albania 15 minutes later, Kirsten regained the lead for Germany immediately after the interval.

Albania, who hit a post in the closing seconds of the match, had lost seven of their previous eight games against Germany, although the only draw, 0-0 in 1967, eliminated the Germans from the following year's European finals, the only time they have failed to qualify for a major tournament.

Moldavia, who began the day at the head of the group following wins over Wales and Georgia, came back to earth in Sofia, losing 4-1 to Bulgaria.

Stoichkov put the Bulgarians ahead on the stroke of half-time, but Moldavia equalised on the hour through Clescenko. Balakov restored the home lead five minutes later and Stoichkov and Balakov struck in the last five minutes.

At Zabrze, France held Poland to a 0-0 draw in a group one fixture, despite having their midfield player, Christian Karembeu, sent off early in the second half for a second bookable offence. It was France's third goalless draw in as many championship games.

News of crash inquiry puts Schumacher's title in doubt

BY OLIVER HOLT

LIKE an addict who just cannot get enough, Formula One injected a final shot of controversy into a season that everyone thought had ended when officials at the international motor sport federation (FIA) leaked the news yesterday that they were considering summoning Michael Schumacher and Damon Hill to a disciplinary hearing in Paris to discuss their collision during the Australian Grand Prix, in Adelaide last Sunday.

Max Mosley, the FIA president, is understood to be pressing for the hearing to take place before the sport's world council in Paris during the second week in December, shortly before the championship trophy is due to be handed to Schumacher. The obvious implication of the leak is that the young German may be stripped of his title and that it may be handed to Hill.

The FIA confirmed yesterday that they were awaiting the report of their official observer in Adelaide and that this was a routine procedure. No decision about whether the two drivers, who clashed on the 36th lap of the 81-lap race and were both forced to retire, should be summoned to Paris would be taken until the report had been received, a spokesman said.

There was outrage in many quarters after Schumacher appeared to cut across Hill's path as the Williams-Renault driver tried to overtake him immediately after the German had lost control of his Benetton-Ford and slammed it into a wall. Schumacher's car was almost certainly damaged beyond repair and Hill would only have needed to finish in the top five in the race to have clinched the championship.

Hill's car was also terminally damaged in the clash with Schumacher, but the Briton has steadfastly refused to condemn his opponent and Frank Williams, the team owner, said that he would not lodge a protest because he did not want to win the championship by having Schumacher penalised for the third time this season.

That the FIA is even considering dragging its new world champion — who has appeared before the world council so often this season that he must be considering buying a second home in Paris — over the coals when Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost both escaped without sanction for their championship-deciding accidents in 1989 and 1990 surprised most observers. It will only perpetuate the perception that there is a vendetta between Mosley and Flavio Briatore, the Benetton managing director.

Other powerful figures within the sport were thought to be opposed to the idea of another bout of infighting, another argument that could only devalue the championship further. There is a lot of sympathy for Hill, and he may well have a case, but he has accepted the result and the time has come to let the season rest in peace.



Mosley: vendetta claims

Briatore, now a veteran of these upheavals, refused to comment on the latest furore yesterday. Nor was there a reaction from Williams, who is fully occupied with trying to choose between Nigel Mansell and David Coulthard to partner Hill next year.

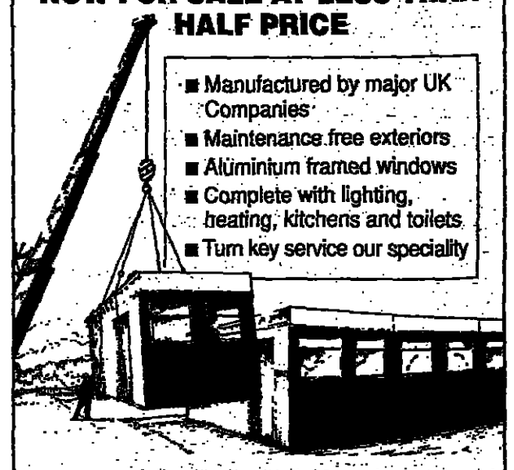
Mansell seemed to have established himself as the overwhelming favourite after his win in Adelaide, but sources close to the team said last night that there was only a 30 per cent chance that he would drive for Williams in 1995. It is more likely that Jean Alesi will move from Ferrari to either McLaren or Benetton, and that Mansell will resume his love affair with the Italian team and the fans who nicknamed him *Il Leone* during his last spell there.

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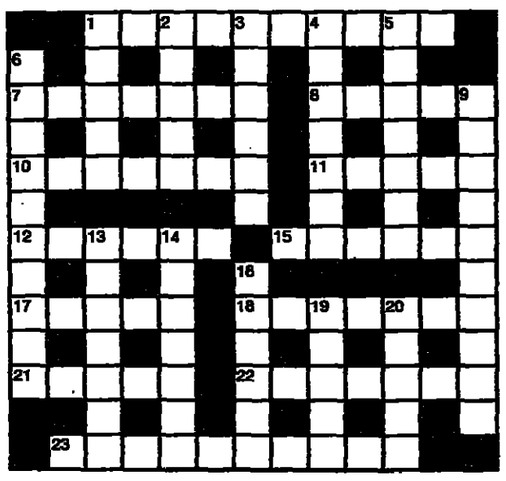
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Happen (4,2,4)
7 Narrative division (7)
8 Make merry (5)
10 Card game; sort of bridge (7)
11 Opinionated person (5)
12 Take in (food) (6)
15 Disclose (6)
17 Characteristic form of speech (5)
18 Of ideal society (7)
21 Small-scale copy (5)
22 Material between bedrock and surface layer (7)
23 In manner unhealthily erotic (10)

DOWN
1 Series of links (5)
2 Short phrase eg on coat of arms (5)
3 King's seat (6)
4 Story with indirect religious teaching (7)
5 Mme de —, 17C letter-writer (7)
6 Mistrust of accepted beliefs (10)
9 Dickens' heroine, tear-jerking death (6,4)
13 Tool-sharpener (7)
14 Embroidery specimen (7)
16 Follow determinedly (6)
19 Planet's path (5)
20 Elephant tusk material (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 320

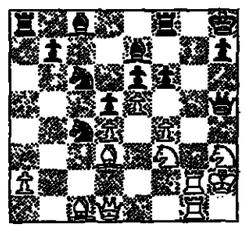
ACROSS: 8 Isolate 9 Prate 10 To the full 11 Tow 12 Ditch 14 Lottery 15 Pyramid 17 Extol 19 Low 20 Currently 22 Acute 23 Send off

DOWN: 1 Pitted 2 Gout 3 Take the mickey 4 Sequel 5 Spill the beans 6 Maltreat 7 Medway 13 Throw out 15 Pillar 16 Duress 18 Lay off 21 Troy

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Liss - Shachar, Israel 1994. In this position White had planned a brilliant mating combination. What did he have in mind?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MAFFICK
a. To celebrate a special day
b. A stepmother
c. A dwarf palm tree

PEPPER-POT
a. A buttress
b. A pot bunker on Scottish links
c. Potting a fellow gun

CHEESE
a. A hazard chase
b. A skittle missile
c. The target in petanque

BISQUE
a. A second service
b. A lobster pot
c. A free shot

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